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To: Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Dear Scott,

Having lived in the Laurelon for several years, I am very appreciative of the presence of Children's Hospital in this area. I have heard friends speak of the care given their children by Children's Hospital, and of the deep gratitude they have for Children's.


I feel Children's Hospital has been a pillar of this community and a real asset for Seattle. The services the hospital provides the children of this community are recognized as one of the top in the nation.

I have sat in on a number of the CAC presentations given by Children's Hospital and have been very pleased with Children's responsivity to the concerns raised by the CAC and residents in the area surrounding Children's Hospital.

I understand Children's needs to stay in this area of Seattle. The logistics of a major move are unrealistic.

Alternative 7 is the best expansion option because it keeps the building heights at current elevations.

Thank you,


Brett Maughan

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Friday, July 25, 2008

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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Carol McGaffin
6834 30th Avenue NE
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Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I've lived in northeast Seattle nearly all my adult life. When my daughter was ill I took her to Children's Orthopedic Hospital. One of the things that I am thankful for today is that she can take my two grandsons, ages 10 and 8, to Children's. The last trip was for nothing more serious than a bitten tongue, but it is comforting to know that a hospital of Children's reputation is right in our neighborhood.

As I get older the growth in Seattle sometimes seems so overwhelming. I take the bus down NE 65th and wonder where the familiar stores, houses and buildings have gone. In their place are new apartments and condominiums. It reminds me that more and more people are coming to live here and they're going to need services just like I did. As much as I'd love it if things stayed the same, I'm in favor of allowing Children's to grow on its Laurelhurst campus because things aren't going to stay the same.

I read an article recently in the Seattle Times that indicated that several times this winter every single bed at Children's was filled. If that's so then our officials should give the hospital permission to add more beds as quickly as possible. I understand that Children's wants to expand onto property now occupied by the Laurelon Terrace Condominiums, whose owners have agreed to sell. It sounds like a very good way to grow, particularly given that construction won't be as disruptive to the Laurelhurst neighborhood or the hospital itself.

Count Grandmagaffin (that's what my grandkids call me) among those who believe that Children's has to be allowed to grow to meet future needs. Please, let's not get to a point where kids are being turned away from this great hospital. Children's was there for me. Let it be there for the next generation.

Yours,

Carol McGaffin
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July 24, 2008

**City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019**

**Attn: Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
scott.ringgold@seattle.gov**

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am asking for your support for the alternative 7 Laurelon Terrace expansion. As a volunteer of the hospital, it is important to me that Children's continue to have enough space to serve their patients' needs. Right now, they are over-capacity and the need is desperate. Alternative 7 will provide enough beds for the next two decades. The work of this hospital is so important to the community and has touched so many lives. Please support alternative 7 so that the future of Children's Hospital is secured in Northeast Seattle.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. McIntosh

**Nancy McIntosh
5054 44th Ave NE
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"timothy mckay" <timmmckay@gmail.com> 6/27/2008 8:42 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I lived in Laurelhurst my entire life, and am no stranger to the Children's Hospital community of patients and staff. I have seen the medical miracles that Children's Hospital performs for the most deserving of our community, our children.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan considers tomorrow's needs of future generations. The expansion will allow Children's Hospital to serve the medical needs of the community, while preserving the quiet, private nature of the Laurelhurst/Windermere/Bryant community. I appreciate that Children's Hospital has taken the time to hear the concerns of its residential neighbors and has gone out of its way to mitigate inconveniences to neighbors. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan is agreeable to the hospital, as well as the surrounding community.

Sincerely,
Timothy McKay
1721 E Pine St
Seattle, WA 98122

"McKenzie, Anne" <mckenzie@spu.edu> 6/26/2008 10:20 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I strongly support the Children's Hospital Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I have lived in Seattle for 4 years now. As a new parent, I am relieved to live in such close proximity to Children's Hospital. The world-class pediatric research and medical care that is present in my community is reassuring and mind-easing.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan serves the needs of future generations, while still preserving the residential nature of the surrounding neighborhood. This plan offers lower building heights, less traffic on residential streets, and larger buffers between construction zones and residential housing. In addition, the current hospital can remain fully operable and minimally disturbed by the expansion construction.

I urge you to take into account the voice of the community and support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,
Anne McKenzie

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darrenm <mailto:darrenm@microsoft.com> @microsoft.com

June 26, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing you to voice my support for the Children's Hospital Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I am a father of an eighteen month old who realizes that my son could need the sort of urgent medical care that Children's Hospital offers at any moment. I find the presence of Children's Hospital in my community a priceless asset to the neighborhood.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan is a vision of the future. This plan provides a new transit hub offering mass transit to patients and their families, hospital staff, and neighbors. The plan minimizes the physical intrusion of the hospital on the neighborhood by eliminating the "tower design." Most importantly, the more open design of the hospital campus allows for more healing gardens for the young patients of Children's Hospital that are so desperately trying to find health.

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. It is a necessary investment for the future of our community.

Sincerely,
Darren McKenzie

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>>> "Pat McShea" <pmcshea@GordonDerr.com> 7/9/2008 5:03 PM >>>

Children's Hospital provides a remarkable service to the entire Pacific Northwest. As our population continues to grow, the need for more medical services will grow, too. The Alternative 7 proposal seems to me to be a reasonable option for expansion of the hospital facility. It avoids the "towers" that would be unsightly and the Laurelon Terrace owners are amenable. I do think a transportation hub in the area is critical, however. 1

I urge you to approve Alternative 7 of this proposal. Thank you.

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July 3, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Attention Scott Ringgold:

I am writing this letter as a strong supporter of Children's Hospital and the revised expansion plans currently being reviewed. I have lived in Laurelhurst for over seven years during which time I have also been an employee of Children's Hospital. I know the value and importance of Children's first hand, both as the uncle / former foster parent of a child with special needs and in my role as the Manager for Patient and Family Relations at Children's.

Last year, his pediatrician told my nephew that he needed a delicate surgery. We waited two months for an evaluation appointment with a specialist, and then another two months for his surgery. Why? Because the demand for Children's specialty care is very high and space limitations in the Surgery Center prevent scheduling procedures for all children in a timely way. It was very difficult to watch our nephew having to endure the anxiety that comes with waiting months for an operation.

In my professional role, I am often the person responsible for informing families that their child's surgery must be postponed in the eleventh hour. Families go through significant emotional and practical preparation prior to a child's operation. Parents take time off from work. They arrange care for siblings, and extended family often come from out of town to provide support. Can you imagine what it's like for a family to get a call the day before their child's operation to say that because of a lack of beds in the intensive care unit where the child must recover, the surgery must be postponed?

I am the person who has to field calls from distraught families who are unable to get an appointment in our clinics in a timely way. And I am the person who often must explain to the exhausted and overwhelmed mother of a very ill child why they must share a small room with another ill child and their family. We have children receiving chemotherapy often having to share a room with one, and at

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times, two other patients and families--not an optimal healing environment for any patient or their family.

The demand on our facility has been unprecedented this winter and spring. Families at times must spend up to 12-15 hours in the Emergency Department waiting for an inpatient bed. I can say with absolute certainty that the information provided in a recent *Laurelhurst Letter* ("...CHRM's addition of any more than 40 pediatric inpatient beds before 2026 would create an oversupply...") is inaccurate and does not represent reality. We need those 40 beds now.

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I have worked as a pediatric social worker for almost 25 years. I worked in the past at Children's Hospital of San Francisco, Oakland Children's Hospital and at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Seattle Children's Hospital is an incredible asset to our community, and clearly ranks as one of the nation's best. We must support an expansion that will allow a responsible use of their resources and provide access to any family needing the fine care provided there.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Mendelow

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional
Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

Kathryn and Steve Merlino
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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July 22, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98214-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing today to urge your support of Children's Hospital and its expansion plans. Children's Hospital is a world-renowned institution and an asset to this city, region and the four-state area it serves. As a parent of two and lifetime Seattleite, I have seen this city change and grow and become what it is today. My parents took all six of us to Children's over the course of many decades, and I continue that tradition with my own children, trusting a facility aimed at children's medical care and nurturing of body and mind. Children's Hospital is an integral part of this community and needs to grow to accommodate the growing demand of the region.

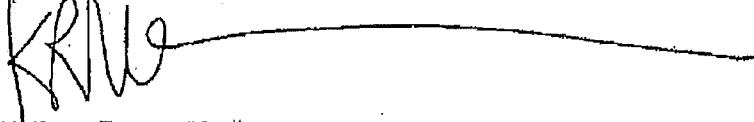
I know from personal experience as well as knowing many friends who are in the medical profession at the hospital that Children's is at capacity. During the past winter, there were a number of days during which every single patient bed in the hospital was filled. To meet the needs of sick and injured children, Children's must add facilities to its Laurelhurst campus over the next 15 to 20 years. If Children's is not allowed to expand, the hospital could be forced to turn away patients. Children's Hospital has gone to great lengths to find the best solution for its growth — I commend the Hospital and the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the work they have done to ensure that the hospital is getting what they need, while retaining the quality of the surrounding neighborhood. Alternative 7 has been inspired by community engagement and reflects the hard-work Children's Hospital has done to address the concerns of the area.

As an architect, historian and a professor of architecture at the University of Washington, I know the challenges of urban planning, traffic mitigation and building design. I am confident that Alternative 7 is the best option for growth of Children's Hospital. It addresses many community concerns such as height and bulk, transportation and noise. No one solution will make the community entirely happy, but it is the outcome and the product that matters here, and the best solution at hand. There is no other pediatric care facility that has the sub-specialties that Children's has, and that creates an environment that is healing for both the patients and their families. Children's Hospital has always been a positive and collaborative neighbor institution to the University of Washington and we continue that strong relationship today.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. It is by far the best plan to address the immediate needs of the hospital and the community.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'KRW', followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Kathryn Rogers Merlino
Assistant Professor of Architecture, UW
Steve Merlino
Teacher, Mountlake Terrace High School
Viewridge residents

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical
Center c/o Steve Sheppard

>>> "Steve Merwick" <steve.merwick@verizon.net> 7/10/2008 8:50 AM
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Scott:

I support the expansion of Children's Hospital as described in Alternate
7. Children's needs the expansion to expand the number of patient beds
and increase research capabilities. Purchase of the Laurelon Terrace
Condominiums is the best solution for all involved considering the
neighbor's concerns about traffic and views. This expansion will help
Children's meet the needs of our community for the next 20 years!

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Sincerely,
Steve Merwick
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July 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Please support Alternative 7. This expansion plan will allow an amazing organization to continue saving lives in a way that will not anger neighbors.

Alternative 7 is the best solution for the following reasons:

- a new transit station will provide transportation options for people who live in the Greater Seattle area,
- hospital access points on Sand Point Way will improve traffic flow in and around the hospital,
- the buildings will not have to be at sky-rise like towering heights, and
- the current hospital facilities will be minimally affected during the construction process.

Good luck with this important decision. Thank you for working so diligently with the hospital and the community to find an optimal solution.

Regards,



Shelli Miljour
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Sammamish, WA 98074

>>> <lulu218@aol.com> 6/27/2008 9:17 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing you to voice my support for the Children's Hospital Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. The presence of Children's Hospital in my community is a priceless asset to the neighborhood. I have lived in the Seattle area my entire life. I attended Seattle Preparatory School and the University of Washington. Children's Hospital is a world class pediatric medical care and research center and a valuable member of our neighborhood.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan is the best expansion plan for the hospital and its neighbors. By lowering building heights and providing transit access, the hospital is responding to the concerns of its immediate neighbors. By offering more hospital beds and a larger research facility, the hospital is responding to the needs of the larger pediatric medical community. Alternative 7 serves both the present and future needs of both the hospital and its neighbors.

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,
Alicia Miller

July 8, 2008

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Carlyle Miller
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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Regulars at my coffee shop have been talking about the proposed expansion Children's Hospital's main campus. As a lifelong resident of Seattle, I want you to know that I wholeheartedly support this effort, particularly now that it appears the bulk of the expansion can take place on land occupied by the Laurelon Terrace Condominiums. This development, which I believe is known as Alternative 7, seems to have so many advantages and significantly reduces impacts on the Laurelhurst neighborhood.

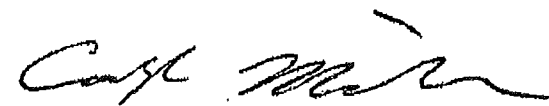
Apparently the advisory committee that has been looking at this issue helped to develop the Laurelon alternative. Its members certainly seem to be paying attention to neighborhood concerns. It lowers heights from other alternatives that Children's has proposed, from 240 feet to 160 feet. It preserves view lines. Laurelon condo owners are willing sellers. There is no longer a need for addition hospital entrances on adjoining streets, which will restrict traffic coming to the neighborhoods. And the new alternative envisions a transit hub at a new entrance near Sandpoint Way.

This is a win for the Laurelhurst neighborhood and the Sandpoint Community. It is a win for Children's, too. By building on the adjoining Laurelon site, disruptions to existing buildings on the campus are kept to a minimum, which is a good thing for patients, families, doctors and nurses.

As I said I am a life-long Seattle resident (and yes, I made a trip or two to Children's as a kid). My brother recently rented his house here to an Indiana couple, a doctor and his wife who is doing a two-year internship at the hospital. They are wonderful people. It reminds me of just how important it is for all of us to have a world-class children's hospital in Seattle, one that offers the best care to its youngest people!

Again, I urge your support for the alternative that allows Children's to grow on the Laurelon property next door.

Sincerely,


Carlyle Miller

>>> David Miller <dave@stokestrategy.com> 7/11/2008 4:55 PM >>>

Scott,

Thank you for taking the time to hear the case for Seattle Children's last night.

"Quality of life" is a drum the Jeannie Hale and her cronies have been beating louder and louder, in their efforts to frustrate thoughtful, needed growth initiatives.

The objective of the meetings has been to find balance between growth and "quality of life," but there are several qualities that need to be considered.

One "quality of life" has been defined as minimizing traffic, to improve access our conveniences (nearly instant access to Gene Juarez at U. Village, for example). Unfortunately another kind of "quality of life" isn't assured to a North Seattle family that can't admit their child to the hospital because it failed to grow to meet demand.

While some more traffic may be an inconvenience to some, it represents a substantial improvement in quality of life (in fact, the promise of living), to others.

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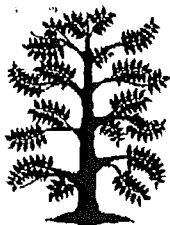
Some people don't want Children's to grow, the same way people don't want to pull over and make way for ambulances. They have other priorities that trump the interests of a civilized, balanced community. (It shows up in subtle, other ways when we hear that they don't want the public to park cars on "their" streets. Have they never been to Roosevelt, Greenlake, West Seattle, Queen Anne, Ballard - or any number of communities where this supposed unimaginable horror is simply a part of every-day, healthy city living?)

Finally, I urge you to take a drive around Laurelhurst some afternoon: Ask yourself this very simple question, "Will Alternative 7 appreciably reduce the quality of life to these residents, relative to the quality of life in the rest of Seattle? Is this an undue civic burden? Or - as I suspect - does it simply mean that Laurelhurst, like the rest of the city, has to get used to living very fortunately, while sharing some inconveniences of living together in a city?

Over 100 years ago, Ana Clise founded Children's, providing care to all children regardless of their ability to pay. Thanks to the Internet, the people of Seattle can discover the makers of our community and the legacies they've left. I think its time that Jeanne and these few people had the conscience to consider how they will be remembered by our community, and not just by their listing real estate agent.

What we choose will echo for 100 years. I encourage you to support Alternative 7, and Seattle Children's Hospital.

Best,
Dave



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June 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

James L. Mirel, D.D.
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Cantor

Yohanna Kinberg
Assistant Rabbi

Shelley Oakley
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I am writing to express my support for the expansion plans of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. I am privileged to be one of many community clergy who visit patients and families at Children's Hospital, and have done so for 35 years. Children's truly plays a unique role in this community and the region, and I believe children locally and across the region will be better served when Children's is able to add additional beds. This is especially true because of Children's commitment to its mission of providing care for every child regardless of their family's ability to pay.

I am especially supportive of the need for single bed rooms. As a rabbi providing spiritual support and counseling to families at extremely difficult and emotional moments, it is important that the family have the privacy they need to pray, grieve, console, and express their feelings. It is often challenging to do so in shared rooms.

I know that a number of alternatives have been presented for consideration, but I believe it is in everyone's best interest to proceed with Alternative 7, which leaves the existing hospital intact during construction, easing the burden on patients, families and hospital staff. Additionally, Alternative 7 preserves landscaping and open space on the existing campus. Children's is well known for its beautiful grounds and landscaped areas, which do contribute greatly to the healing process.

I know you will be judicious in your review, and hope that Children's Master Plan will be approved.

Most sincerely,

Rabbi James Mirel
Temple B'nai Torah
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425-603-9677

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o
Steve Sheppard

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>>> "Jimbo Mitre" <jimbo.mitre@gmail.com> 7/25/2008 1:47 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing in support of the planned expansion of Children's Hospital. We live in the Martha Lake area, north of Seattle, and when our two children (now 17 yrs & 20 yrs old) have needed health services, we have made the drive to Seattle so that they can be seen by the staff at Children's. My 7 year-old son has been a patient in the hematology service for several years.

He has an atypical presentation of his disease and at Children's he has had access to excellent practitioners that are on the cutting edge of treatment and management of pediatric illness. As a parent, it is comforting to know that they do everything possible to provide the best care for their patients.

Thank you for opportunity to express my support for the Children's hospital plans for growth.

Jim Mitre
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Lynnwood, WA 98087

July 22, 2008

**To: Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019**

**CC: Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital**

RE: Supporting the Alternative 7 expansion plan

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I live in the Ravenna/Bryant area of NE Seattle and strongly support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I appreciate a plan that allows the hospital to expand laterally instead of vertically. This vastly reduces the impacts on the character of the neighborhood and is a direct response to the concerns voiced by the community.

Alternative 7 provides the building space the hospital needs to meet the pediatric medical demand of the community, while maintaining a subtle physical presence in the neighborhood. I am confident that the landscaping and architecture of the new structures will blend with the character of the area, just as the existing hospital property has done for years.

Please support the Alternative 7 plan. It aligns with the wishes of the vast majority of community members.

Sincerely,



**Sadie Mohler
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July 4th, 2008

Linda Montgomery
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Scott Ringgold
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Dear Scott:

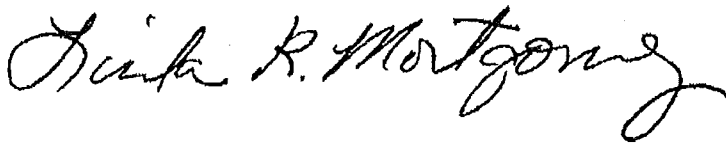
I have been aware of the excellent work by Children's Hospital for the past 20 years and fully support their current efforts of expansion. I am also aware that there has been considerable misunderstanding in the community about their expansion plans.

I believe the planned expansion plans involving purchasing and developing the Laurelon Terrace condominiums will be the best plan for the surrounding community and for Children's Hospital.

It is important that Children's Hospital be allowed to complete their expansion in the most efficient manner possible. The Alternative 7 plan is the best option for all involved.

The work of Children's Hospital is invaluable to the City of Seattle. As a longtime citizen of Seattle I greatly appreciate the work that Children's Hospital does on behalf of families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda R. Montgomery". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Linda R. Montgomery".

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Caroline S. Morris

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July 3, 2008

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Land Use Planner II
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CC: Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital

RE: SUPPORTING LAURELON TERRACE ALTERNATIVE 7

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have lived in Northeast Seattle my entire life, and value having Children's Hospital as a neighbor. I am glad to know that they are thriving. I think we need to do what it takes to allow them the space they need to serve the pediatric needs of our community.

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan for the following reasons:

- a) Meets the growth needs of the hospital,
- b) Maintains hospital access points on Sand Point Way,
- c) Preserves the views of neighboring homeowners,
- d) Minimizes construction impacts on residential neighbors,
- e) Keeps building heights at their current elevation level.

I hope you see that the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan is the community solution to an expanded Children's Hospital.

Yours truly,



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DANIEL L. MORRIS

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JULY 3, 2008

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Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital

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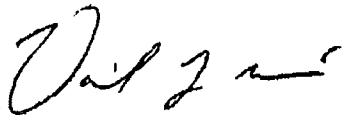
My wife and I live in the View Ridge neighborhood of Northeast Seattle with our three children, Henry, Emma, and Josephine. Our family supports the Laurelton Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan because we believe it is the best solution for the hospital and the neighbors.

The Laurelton Terrace Alternative 7 plan places the construction of the expanded campus along the west side of the existing hospital boundaries. This will cause the least disruption on the hospital during the construction phases. It also moves the construction noise, dirt and traffic away from the residential neighborhoods to the North, East and South of the hospital.

The Alternative 7 plan also minimizes the traffic impacts of an expanded hospital on the neighborhood by installing a new transit hub and maintaining hospital access on the main thoroughfare of Sand Point Way.

Children's Hospital is an important member of our community. Please support the Laurelton Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,



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Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Ms. Dawn Morrison
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Shoreline, WA 98155

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As the mother of a little boy who suffers from mental health problems, I'm not sure I could make it without the services provided by Children's Hospital. I'm writing you this letter because I know there are others like me in our community, people who have limited resources and count on Children's for their kids' health. Our voices need to be heard and our views considered.

I support Children's expansion. Every three months I take my son Phoenix to the hospital where he receives a psychological evaluation. The doctors and nurses are always pleasant and professional. One thing I've noticed over the three years I have been coming down to Children's is that more and more people are using the hospital. Then I read in the newspaper recently that there were several days during the winter when every bed was full. I don't want my kid crowded out - or any other kid, for that matter.

I understand that one of the proposals Children's is making involves buying the condominiums down the hill from the hospital. That's funny because the last time I was there I looked at them and thought if Children's ever did decide it needed to grow it should be there. The condominium owners have said they'd be willing to sell, so it seems to me that this is a perfect solution.

There are lots of kids like my son Phoenix who need the services that Children's Hospital can provide. There are lots of single mothers like me who also need the services that Children's Hospital provides. Over the years I have received financial aid from the hospital and am deeply grateful for this. Allowing Children's to grow means it can help even more families in the future. Given how much the hospital has helped my family, I am all for that.

Sincerely,


Dawn Morrison

Paula Morrow
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Bothell, WA 98021

Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

June 30, 2008

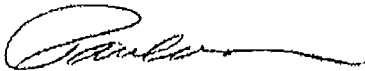
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I do not live in the Northeast Seattle neighborhood, but I have used Children's Hospital's services more than once for my five-year old son. My experiences with Children's Hospital have been overwhelming supportive in treating my son's illness.

I support the Children's Hospital Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion because I think it will benefit both Children's Hospital and the community in its ability to provide pediatric care to the community. Though I always hope to not need their services, it is relief to have them so nearby in my community. Because the Seattle area is growing, Children's Hospital needs to grow to meet our needs.

I do not think traffic will be an issue with an expansion because this plan allows Children's to remain in a pre-existing, developed area. If anything, I would expect home values to be increased by Children's Hospital's continual presence in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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>>> "Muljat, Alesha" <amuljat@spu.edu> 7/7/2008 10:14 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I have lived in Seattle and the surrounding areas my entire life. I am currently a Ph D student in clinical psychology, and have a profound respect for the pediatric care and research under the roof of Children's Hospital. I know that the need has and will continue to expand, so it is time the roof does too.

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The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan is the best way for the hospital to expand, given their presence in a residential community. I was pleased to learn that the Laurelon Terrace condominium owners are excited about the new living opportunities that are available to them with the new-found value of their homes. I know Children's Hospital is sensitive to the needs of their residential neighbors and has taken every concern of those neighbors into consideration with the Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,
Alesha M. Muljat, M.A.
Graduate Student, Clinical Psychology
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Mary D. Murray
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Seattle, WA 98105

July 8, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Having lived in Laurelhurst for twenty years and Windermere for nearly forty years, I am very appreciative of the presence of Children's Hospital in this area. My granddaughter Emily Showman is a medical resident at the hospital and will most likely pursue a long pediatric medical care there.

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I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital because I feel it is the best expansion option for the community.

Thank you,

Mary D. Murray

Mary D. Murray

>>> "Myers, Linda" <LindaMyers@Clearchannel.com> 7/23/2008 10:59 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I have lived in this area long enough to know how important Children's Hospital is to the community. Countless children's lives have been saved by miraculous medical treatment.

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I know Children's Hospital's need to expand is critical, and I am relieved that the City of Seattle has worked so hard with the hospital and the community to find a solution that works for everyone.

Please know that the community supports Alternative 7.

Sincerely,
Linda Myers

July 9, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

We support Alternative 7 for early development of Laurelon Terrace. Our family has been homeowners in the Laurelon Terrace condominium complex for the past five years as well as parents of a child who has received life saving health care from Children's Hospital. In addition, we serve on the Family Advisory Council advocating for patient and family centered care. We're pleased with the proposed construction and believe it makes perfect sense to utilize the land that Laurelon Terrace is currently situated on.

As residents of Laurelon Terrace, we're honored to share our community with Children's Hospital. I'm always proud to say I live next to Children's and it inevitably sparks a conversation about what a wonderful place it is for patients and families. The reality is, if it wasn't for the first class medical care at Children's, our two year old son wouldn't be going for walks through the beautiful neighborhood, swinging at Laurelhurst Park or celebrating his birthdays at Laurelhurst Community Center. As a neighbor, I want to be a part of ensuring that Children's can continue to provide first class, cutting edge health care for children and their families. I want to be a part of the future conversations about how great Children's hospital is and how much better it's become after the expansion. I want to be able to say that I, as a neighbor helped to make that happen.

We urge you to allow Children's to expand onto the Laurelon Terrace property as proposed in Alternative 7. This alternative would decrease the potential negative impact of construction on families at Children's as well as allow for improved access to critical services without major disruption to the neighbors. For example, when our son was hospitalized, we stayed at his bedside day and night and recall the importance of a safe, quiet environment that allowed for rest and healing. The well thought out space for sleeping accommodations, showering, privacy for grief is a critical part of a family centered care. In addition, according to this alternative, neighbors will be less impacted by traffic, building heights and other construction processes.

Thank you for your careful consideration and support of Alternative 7.

Sincerely,

Christina, Nathan and Burke Nelson

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June 22, 2008

Scott A. Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

As a newly minted Seattle-ite, I have been impressed with the community spirit that exists not only in my neighborhood in Northeast Seattle, but throughout the city. I moved here in January 2007 and was immediately inspired to become an active part of my community. It is in that spirit that I am writing to you now.

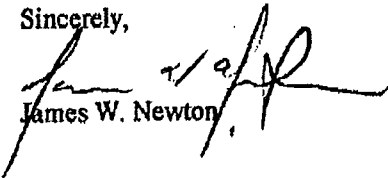
It has come to my attention that Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center located in Sandpointe is seeking to expand its facilities to become one of the best children's facilities in the country. Understandably, however, I understand that there is concern regarding, and even opposition to, the expansion from the some in the community.

To address these issues, Children's Hospital and numerous experts - zoning, environmental, urban planners, etc. - developed "Alternative 7," which converts the Laurelon Terrace Condominiums to hospital property. This plan was developed taking the community concerns into consideration. As planned it will reduce traffic on residential streets, minimize construction impacts on the neighborhood, and preserve all the wonderful views that homeowners in the community enjoy.

As a result of the development of this plan, it is without reservation that I urge you to approve this plan and allow the expansion of the hospital to move forward. The services the expansion of Children's Hospital would provide would be invaluable, both in terms of providing world class medical treatment to children throughout the Seattle region, and bolstering the city of Seattle's image as one of the leading regions for medical care in America.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If there is any further information I can provide you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


James W. Newton

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Linda Ng-Evans
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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

My name is Linda Ng-Evans. I live in the North part of Seattle. I am the parent of a 5 year old boy who was born at the UWMC. When my son was about 5 months old, he had a fever. As a new parent, I was very worry and did not know what to do. The first thing that my husband and I did was to bring my son Daniel to Children's Hospital emergency room. Once there, the staff of Children's Hospital was very helpful to my son. I come to really appreciate Children's Hospital very much, not only because they helped my son, but also because of all the wonderful things that Children's Hospital has done for their children. I visit many times a year to donate toys, clothes, and other important things. I support expansion of Children's Hospital and alternative 7 for a neighborhood-freindly alternative.

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Sincerely,

Linda Ng-Evans

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Scott Ringgold
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July 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

My name is Scott Ng-Evans and I am a parent of a 5-yearold child and live in North Seattle. My son has been a patient at Childrens' Hospital and received excellent care there. I support the expansion of Childrens' Hospital so that more children can receive the excellent care that my son received. Alternative 7 seems like a low impact plan for expending the hospital in a small space, so I am in support of this plan.

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Thank you

Sincerely,



Scott Ng-Evans

**Hong Nguyen
Kathy's Nails
3242 NE 45th St
Seattle, WA 98105**

July 22, 2008

**Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner
P O Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124**

Dear Mr Ringgold:

I own a nail salon on Sand Point Way near Children's Hospital. My son was a patient of Children's Hospital for three days when he was just two months old and is now a healthy nine-year old boy.

I support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital both as a mother and as a local business owner. I am concerned that Children's is already at capacity and does not have enough beds to meet the future needs of the community's children. Alternative 7 provides for the next 20 years.

I appreciate having Children's Hospital as a neighbor. Thank you for supporting Alternative 7. It provides a win-win expansion solution for the neighbors, the hospital, and local businesses.

Sincerely,

Hong Nguyen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hong' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

>>> "Kim Nguyen" <kim.214@gmail.com> 7/3/2008 12:11 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I support the Children's Hospital Alternative 7 expansion plan, and I hope you will too. This plan considers the concerns of the neighbors and provides the best solution for the hospital staff and patients.

The transit hub will reduce traffic in the area and provide transportation access to the Greater Seattle area. Building out instead of up offers lower building heights, which preserve the character of the neighborhood and provide a more open hospital campus. Residential neighbors no longer have to worry about their property values being diminished by impaired views, construction noise, or increased traffic on residential streets.

Children's Hospital contributes so much to this community. The least we can do is support their strategic vision for the future by allowing them the space to meet the growing needs of our community.

Children's Hospital has always held a close place in my heart. Since moving to Seattle in 2000, I have always been impressed with all the great work that the Hospital has done and continue to do in helping to give children a fighting chance. And their commitment to helping families get through such difficult times. I hope that sending this letter will help to show my support for the Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,
Kim

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>>> <Blakemolly@aol.com> 7/24/2008 11:45 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to express my support for the expansion plans of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. I have been a resident of Laurelhurst for 14 years, and have experienced the services of Children's Hospital first hand.

While I appreciate having the Hospital so close by in times of need, I also realize it's important for Children's to be a good neighbor. In my opinion they have been working hard to plan for appropriate expansion resulting in the least impact on the neighborhood.

Of the many alternatives presented in the Hospital's draft master plan, I am in favor of Alternative 7, which lowers the heights of the buildings from 240 to 160 feet. This alternative also removes the need for entrance/exits on NE 45th and NE 50th Streets, which reduces the traffic on neighborhood streets. This is a very important consideration to me and many of my Laurelhurst neighbors.

I realize that even though I am fortunate enough to have a hospital of this caliber in my community, there are many families in our region who must travel great distances to come here. As a parent, neighbor, donor and general supporter of Children's, I feel it is vitally important to allow the phased, thoughtful expansion that Children's has proposed.

Sincerely,
Molly Nordstrom

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>>> Wendy Noritake <wendynoritake@mac.com> 7/19/2008 9:15 AM
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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

My email is in support of expanding the Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. This expansion is of utmost importance to the children it supports, who are our future, and to the regional economy.

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Children's is an incredible organization with an equally incredible reputation. Please add my name in support of this expansion.

Sincerely,
Wendy Noritake

>>> "marcus ohno" <marcusohno@gmail.com> 7/1/2008 8:02 AM >>>

July 1, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am a lifelong Seattleite. As such, I am very invested in the city's preservation and future development. I support the Children's Hospital Alternative 7 expansion plan because it serves the needs of the hospital, but also preserves the Northeast Seattle neighborhood. Northeast Seattle is so fortunate to have a world-class pediatric medical facility in our backyard. Traffic and helicopter noise are small prices to pay for around the clock availability of urgent pediatric care.

In addition to offering lifesaving remedies for our children in the form of treatment and research, Children's Hospital provides this community with countless employment opportunities. Children's Hospital attracts the best of the best in pediatric medicine to our quiet neighborhood. The serenity of Children's Hospital campus is critical both to the generation of miraculous research ideas and to the continual healing of young patients and their families. With the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan, Children's Hospital no longer needs to become a miniature sky-rise amid angry neighbors. It can continue to provide healing gardens with lots of outside space for its staff and patients.

Several of my close friends and even family members have benefited from the Children's Hospital. Moreover, the valuable research that it provides will contribute to the health of my own family.

Though I am unable to attend the community hearing on July 10th, I urge you to support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan on July 11th.

Thank you.

>>> "Jolanta Olech" <jolaolech@hotmail.com> 7/8/2008 8:48 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Expansion of Children's Hospital is critical so they can offer more services to the children of our community. We realize that we are a part of the Seattle growing community. Children's needs to grow to keep up with the demand.

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We do support the Children's Hospital Expansion that will utilize the Laurelon Terrace property. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan allows Children's to grow with very little impact on the neighborhood.

It is the best solution for the hospital's growth while protecting the community.

The Laurelon Terrace property allows the hospital to address community concerns. As we understand it the new buildings would be no higher than the current hospital, the entrances would be kept on the west side of the campus and out of the neighborhoods and the traffic and construction would be on the west side as well.

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We urge the City Council to approve this plan.

Sincerely,
Jolanta nad Marian Olech

>>> Cathy Olivere <colive@myuw.net> 7/9/2008 2:00 PM >>>

Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to express my support for the Children's Hospital Expansion that will utilize the Laurelon Terrace property (Alternative 7).

I am a single, young professional who lives in Laurelon Terrace. I know several employees of the hospital and I work in the healthcare/education field. I strongly believe we need to support Children's request to expand in order to provide comprehensive healthcare and pursue research in a single location with access to the UW Hospital. The need for single-patient rooms is great and will only increase. Children's needs to be able to meet the healthcare needs of our children now and in the future.

Children's hard-raised money is much better spent on research and providing quality healthcare rather than more expensive upward building or relocation costs.

By utilizing the Laurelon Terrace property, Alternative 7 solves concerns about traffic, views and construction impacts. The proposal allows us as property owners to be fairly compensated.

Many in the community have argued that Laurelon Terrace provides affordable housing in the neighborhood. However, these people have not taken into consideration the age of the buildings on the property and the ever increasing costs of maintaining the property. Although the condos are often purchased at relatively inexpensive prices, dues continue to rise in order to pay for things like sewer maintenance/replacement and increases in fuel costs. Dues are not incorporated into mortgage payments, which means that older residents on a fixed income may have a more difficult time staying in their condo as prices rise. As dues increase, it becomes harder to sell your property which means many residents may be stuck and unable to sell. All sides of the "affordable housing" argument need to be considered if you are to use this issue as a deciding point.

The opportunity provided by Alternative 7 is a win-win situation for everyone. I urge you and the City Council to approve this plan.

Sincerely,
Catherine Olivere
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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34017
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

July 23, 2008


Dear Mr Ringgold:

To understand the impact that Children's Hospital has had on the community means looking into the numerous faces of their young patients, those patients' families, and the dedicated staff of the hospital. Children's Hospital is an entire community devoted to healing children in desperate need of specialized care.

Please support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I realize that people in the area are frustrated by the increased traffic congestion that comes with quick growth. However, Children's Hospital represents the very essence of the neighborhood that makes this area so attractive. We do need traffic reform, but even more importantly, we need continual pediatric medical services.

This is an investment in the future of our area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Olson


Chris Olson
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July 9, 2008

To whom it may concern:

When my eldest son was just shy of his fourth birthday anniversary a birth defect was endangering his life. The pulmonary artery valve he was born with had its leafs grown together leaving only an opening about the diameter of a pencil lead through which his blood could be moved to his lungs for oxygenation. He spent time at Childrens' and the UW hospital to correct this situation. It would go without saying that I am grateful for the knowledge and skills that gave my son a second chance at a useful life.

He has been able to pursue an active life as a Boy Scout (he is an Eagle Scout), a competition swimmer and an intellectual in the fields of Physics and computer science.

In a more modern note I would say that the expansion of Childrens' is a necessity. As long as the current city government insists that we become more upscale by increasing the density of the city, and the city's surrounding municipalities, we will need to increase the services we must provide to those who choose to settle in this area. This most certainly includes medical help for children.

Children are our future. Every one of use must keep in mind that at some time in the future one of our children will be sitting where we sit now, will be doing what we do now (only hopefully better) and looking ahead to their children be useful, productive citizens.

I applaud the hospital for the tack it has taken in trying to satisfy the NIMBYs. Expand it must - Thank you Laurelon Terrace for becoming a part of Children's (Orthopedic - that's how long I have been around) Hospital and Research Center.

Sincerely,

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July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to you as a member of the NE Seattle community. I have lived in the area for 9 years and I work for the University of Washington.

I am a supporter of Children's Hospital and its mission. I have several friends who are employed at Children's and I have friend's whosw children have been treated there. I am aware of the plan for the hospital expansion and I am wirting to express my support for Alternative 7.

I support Alternative 7 because it maintains building heights at their current level and does not interrupt the functioning of the current hospital during construction. Also, as a former resident of Laurelhurst and a neighbor, I support keeping hospital traffic on Sandpoint.

Children's Hospital is a valuable resource to the community and I support keeping it at it's current location...please support Alternative 7!

Sincerely,



Cecilia Ortiz
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Seattle, WA 98125

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July 6, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Mr. Ringgold,

My name is Diane Osland and although I live in the Seward Park area of Seattle, I have many ties to the NE Seattle community in which Children's Hospital is located. I graduated from the University of Washington; my mother lived in Laurelon Terrace for over twenty years; I frequently visit friends in Laurelhurst and do much of my shopping in the University Village neighborhood.

I support the expansion of Children's Hospital and Alternative 7 for many reasons. Following my mother's death in 2006 I acted as the Executor for her estate that included her home in Laurelon Terrace. She chose to live there partially because of her commitment to the Hospital, working as a volunteer there for most of her years at Laurelon. She was thoroughly supportive of the mission of Children's and its needs for increased capacity in order to provide critically needed medical care to children. My own children have been patients there and we are incredibly grateful for the treatment they received.

I believe the expansion plan that into the Laurelon Terrace space is the best alternative for both the hospital and the neighborhood. It will result in the least adverse impact to the fiber of the surrounding neighbors and businesses. Road systems for high density traffic (Sand Point) are already in place and thus will result in the most controlled traffic impact on residential streets. Businesses and residents alike who live along this corridor are already accustomed to the hospital traffic.

I appreciate the care with which community issues have been addressed. Again, I think that Alternative 7 best protects the surrounding community and the mission of Children's Hospital.

Regards,

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>>> GWEN PARRY <gwenparry@msn.com> 7/1/2008 9:35 AM >>>

I believe in the need for our local Children's Hospital to expand to meet the needs of the growing population. It's services are invaluable and if my child needs treatment and they are too full because they didn't get approval for the kind of expansion necessary to keep up with demand, I would be crushed and dismayed that there was not support for this important need. When it's our loved one who needs the medical help, then we can all get behind this kind of growth. Please allow this.

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Thanks, Gwen

"Caitlin Peck" <caitlinpeck@gmail.com> 7/1/2008 12:47 PM >>>

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July 1, 2008

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold:

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan of Children's Hospital. I strongly believe this is the best plan for the hospital and the neighboring community.

Children's Hospital has worked diligently to ensure that their expansion meets the needs of the community while minimizing the negative impacts of construction on neighbors. I am impressed with Children's Hospital's efforts to decrease traffic in the area and promote mass transit for their staff and patients. Children's Hospital has taken a long-term approach in designing a plan that meets immediate, as well as future needs.

My sister spent a great deal of time at Children's Hospital growing up, and to this day my parents continue to talk about care and support the entire family received. I now work in the medical industry, and continue to see the impact that Children's Hospital's unique approach to pediatric care has made. Their family-centered approach is truly remarkable. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan allows for more healing gardens for patients to spend quality time with their families in a more natural environment than a hospital room.

Sincerely,
Caitlin Peck

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July 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Breanne Pelkey
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Seattle, WA 98125

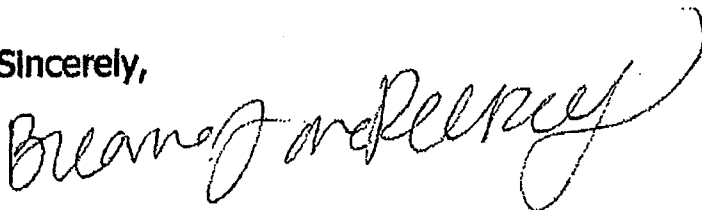
Dear Scott Ringgold:

I support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I have lived in NE Seattle my entire life, and appreciate the presence of Children's Hospital in my community.

I believe Alternative 7 is the best plan because it provides enough patient beds to meet the pediatric medical needs of the community for the next 20 years. I appreciate the efforts of Children's Hospital to incorporate plans to mitigate traffic impacts on neighbors.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Breanne Pelkey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

cc: Mayor Greg Nickels & the Citizens Advisory Committee

July 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Jennifer Pelkey
7540 37th Avenue NE, Apt 105
Seattle 98115

Dear Scott Ringgold:

My name is Jennifer and I live in Wedgwood and work in the Ravenna/Bryant neighborhood of NE Seattle. My best friend is a nurse at Children's Hospital. As a resident of this area, I support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital.

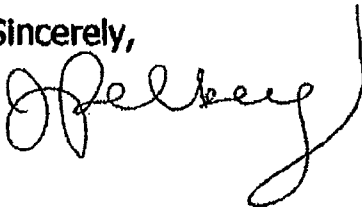
The benefits of a pediatric regional medical center with the capacity to meet the community's needs far outweigh the potential inconveniences of traffic and impaired views.

Personally, I do not see the solution to the area's traffic problems being a confined Children's Hospital. The Seattle region is in need of a major traffic overhaul, but restraining Children's Hospital should be the last resort. There are many alternative solutions, such as an improved mass transit system, that offer a superior outcome.

As for the concern regarding impaired views, I trust the Children's Hospital will continue to build with subtle architectural designs and plush landscaping.

Please support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



July 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Dear Scott Ringgold:

As a business owner in the Ravenna neighborhood, I support Alternative 7. The nurses at Children's Hospital often recommend my diner to patients and their families. Additionally I often provide gift certificate vouchers for residents of the Ronald McDonald House.

I value the services the Children's Hospital provides the community. My stepson was a patient off and on for many years and received excellent treatment.

I also appreciate that Alternative 7 incorporates a new transit hub to reduce the number of cars on the streets.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Sandra Pelkey, Owner of Ravenna Varsity Restaurant
2300 NE 65th St
Seattle, WA 98115

cc: Mayor Greg Nickels & the Citizens Advisory Committee

Ray Pelland
190 Drew Lane
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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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& Development

July 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

In light of the proposed expansion plan, I approve of the way that Alternative 7 addresses the concerns with the tower plan. I urge you to make a decision in favor of the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Pendergrass

July 17, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Re: MIMP for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I wish to add my support for the approval of the MIMP that has been proposed to expand Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

I have had the privilege of working in Children's Hospital since 1975. I came to Seattle in that year as a trainee in pediatric hematology oncology. The hospital was continuing to operate in the building built in the 1950s. Shortly after my arrival a new expansion was under way. Part of this expansion was to include beds and space for the development of a bone marrow transplant unit for children with cancer. Since I arrived, Children's has gone through three major and two minor expansions. In every case, the new space in the building was completely filled within 18-24 months after the new space opened. I believe this experience is in part because Children's has always had a responsible approach to its growth. There has never been a time when Children's was in a position to build and have a large section shelved for future growth. Instead, each expansion was well after the need was evident, often at a time when the hospital was already bursting at the seams and all available space was full of patients or support services. I believe we are one of those difficult periods yet again. We are running full and need to grow urgently.

Children's remains a resource for children and families throughout the Pacific Northwest. As the largest Children's Hospital in the Northwest, Children's serves almost 27% of the land mass of the United States. Children's is a critical resource for children with special health care needs in the region. The staff at Children's has been uniquely successful in improving the health of children in the Northwest. In my own field, survival of children with cancer has dramatically changed over the past 35 years. In 1975, roughly one third of children survived their malignancy. In 2008, roughly one third do not. This dramatic transition of cancer from an almost uniformly fatal set of diseases to a set of diseases with high expectation for long life has been related to improvements in patient care that involve increase in the number of staff members, attention to detail and increased availability of complex supportive care, allowing patients to be treated more aggressively. The improvement in survival and long-term outcome for children, while positive, has meant that children undergoing treatment must spend more time in hospital, in more precarious states, and for longer periods of time in 2008 than they did in 1975.

This change in care of children with previously life-threatening diseases is not unique to cancer. Many other diseases of children now have them surviving into adulthood, many having normal lives. The cost of those improved survival rates is more personnel, more room and more equipment to achieve the desired outcome. Children's has been growing at a rate of about two to 5% per year for the past 35 years. This is consistent with the changed in population in the Northwest. Yet the growth of our physical plant

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occurs in spurts about every five to ten years. It is my belief that the proposed MIMP will allow us to grow in a more steady and reasonable way.

As an example of the intensity of our need for new space, I point out that Children's has an average daily census that is running higher than ever in our past. Most hospitals want to have the daily census at 70-80% of available beds to allow maximum flexibility in responding to crises. At five and more years ago, Children's had wide differences in bed occupancy in summer and winter months. Those days are gone. Using the 80% rule of thumb, one would expect Children's to have about 200 bed filled at any time. Since May 15, 2008, most days the census at children's has exceeded 230 patients (92% occupancy) and there are numerous days with census near 240 beds. This high occupancy makes it hard to get a new patient into the hospital. To accommodate this huge demand, we have reverted to multi-bed rooms to be able to accommodate our patient needs. This makes life difficult for both the patient and the family. Many of our patients are being are undergoing intense treatment, which is all the more difficult when they are sharing a room with four other patients and families.

An example from this week occurred on Monday, we were unable to get a patient admitted who has acute myelogenous leukemia for a second course of therapy simply because there was no room available. The patient was delayed in their admission for a four-day period, because it was recognized that once their therapy started, they would likely to remain in hospital for most of the next 28 days. We simply did not have enough room to allow that to happen at the beginning of the week. These interruptions in care affect families in their activities of daily living as well as the well-being of the child with the illness.

Thus, I want to emphasize that Children's needs to expand now. We need another 10 beds now and will need them even more by winter. The proposal to expand to 600 beds is not for the next six months. Instead, the expansion plan is for the next 10-15 and perhaps 20 years. This pattern of growth when the need is evident has been my experience of the past 35 years. I believe that Children's has grown in a responsible and studied manner. I believe that 55-year track record of growth on this site should be reassuring rather than distressing to neighbors.

I believe the Children's is a responsible and careful neighbor. Children's management and leadership continually emphasize the importance of taking care of patients and families, while being attentive to the needs of our neighbors. We have created elaborate systems to assure that our staff members are parking in places that are less disruptive to our neighbors. We are constantly attentive to the ebb and flow of automobiles and patients to our institution. Nonetheless, the footprint at children's needs to grow.

I strongly urge that the Department of Planning and Development support the MIMP for Children's Hospital. Similarly, I hope that the City Council will act favorably on the request.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Pendergrass, MD, MSPH

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>>> Alison Peters <alisonpeters@onlymyemail.com> 7/14/2008 2:01 PM
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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to voice my strong support for an expanded Children's Hospital, both on its main campus in Laurelhurst, and also in Bellevue. I am a mother of two small children and while they are healthy today, we never know what tomorrow will bring. I have the peace of mind knowing that one of the country's best hospitals is right here in the Seattle area. For tens of thousands of families around the Northwest, Children's Hospital makes a profound and positive impact on their quality of life. While the amazing teams of professionals at Children's certainly provide compassionate care to patients and their families, Children's also has been a source of exciting careers for thousands of people in the field of science and medicine. My husband works in medical devices for a company in Kirkland, WA. In the 7 years we have lived here, he has worked at 3 companies. Thankfully, he has been able to find excellent opportunities right here at home. Through innovation and investment, more and more opportunities will keep our state thriving even in economic downturns. Any region with the assets to ride out a storm is important and Children's certainly fits into this category. Children's needs to grow not only to meet the needs of patients in this area, but also to keep attracting excellent doctors, nurses, and researchers. Moreover, continued growth will fuel the opportunity to uncover treatments that heal children faster and with better outcomes.

From what I have seen, Children's has made many good faith efforts to reach out to the community, listen to citizens groups and amend initial proposals with a building design that is thoughtful to concerns over building height. I have also heard many things about their efforts toward steering employees away from driving in an effort to reduce traffic in and out of the hospital during the week. If only other large employers would do the same! I look forward to following this issue in the media and I sincerely hope Children's Hospital is granted the permits it needs to serve this community for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,
Alison & Kevin Peters
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July 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019


Dear Scott:

I support alternative 7 because it is important for the community to have access to pediatric medical services. I value the quality of my Seattle community, and therefore look for opportunities to further improve it. This is one of those opportunities.

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Alternative 7 expands the hospital onto the Laurelon Terrace Condominiums property in a way that is agreeable to the neighbors and the hospital. Please support alternative 7.

Thank you,



Pete Peterson
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Seattle, WA 98115

July 11, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold,

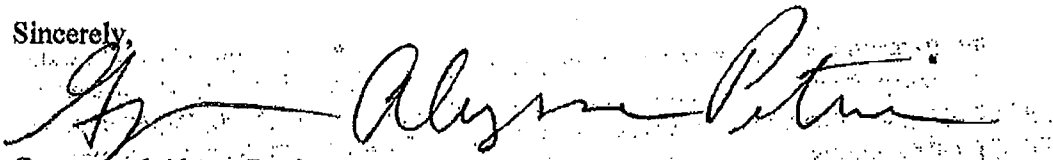
We are writing to you today to support the expansion of Children's Hospital in Laurelhurst neighborhood. We have lived for the past 10 years in the University District at 5045 16th Ave NE. We have three daughters ages 12, 8 and 6 who collectively have made at least seven visits to the hospital over the last 12 years. The most recent visit was our youngest Taylor, who at the age of 6 decided to slam her finger in the back door nearly cutting it off! Fortunately Children's wasn't too far away and they had the capacity to accept us immediately. The doctor at Children's ever so delicately placed 5 stitches at the very end of her finger. We are please to report that it has healed very nicely and should not scar.

Children's Hospital continues to be one of the nations's leading healthcare facilities. We have watched with interest the planning process of their expansion. Based on the reading we have done and in discussing it with neighbors, it is clear they should expand in the current neighborhood. Alyssa and I definitely support this expansion as the hospital is near capacity, its existing location is ideally suited and they have a significant infrastructure in place. This expansion allows it to remain a vibrant piece of the community for the next generation.

As with all expansions, we am certain there is opposition, we can't fathom there is any significant material negative impact on the Laurelhurst neighborhood. It would be unconscionable to think that there are children unable to have their needs met in a crisis situation because Children's has not been allowed to expand. In addition, if expansion occurs in a less cost effective way, more children who will have their needs met; due to being spent on a more expensive relocation rather than funds not subsidizing medical care.

We support the expansion of Children's Hospital in its existing location and believe alternative 7 is the option that best balances the hospital's and greater community's needs. We believe it also maintains the character of the Laurelhurst neighborhood. We certainly will be willing to help add more detail. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 206-650-7332.

Sincerely,


George and Alyssa Petrie

Ms. Nancy J. Phillips
4635 41st Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

Scott Ringgold
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

July 3, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please count me as a supporter of Alternate 7 for Children's Hospital.

I am a resident property owner of Laurelon Terrace. Some would say, well, of course, she supports this alternate – she will benefit." That's true. I'm 86 with no immediate family and this will allow me to go into a retirement center – a true God-send.

This is a win for all concerned. Children's will be able to expand and continue to meet the needs of sick children in the region. Children's is a needed institution. We need their services and reputation.

The community will benefit. Alternate 7 has many advantages for them. The building heights stay the same and the entrances are kept on Sand Point Way – out of the residential neighborhood. The community concerns about traffic, views and construction are legitimate – but this plan solves those problems.

And we Laurelon Terrace owners will be compensated fairly and for me, make it possible for my future security.

Please approve it.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Phillips
Ms. Nancy J. Phillips

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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing in support of Children's Hospital's proposed expansion plan, Alternative Seven. For the reasons detailed below, I believe that Alternative Seven appropriately balances neighborhood impact concerns, while not sacrificing the important goal of maintaining and increasing access for families of all income levels, throughout a multi-state region, to the highest-quality medical care for their children.

My son was an inpatient at Children's three times during his first year, culminating with surgery for a bladder condition at 9 months. While it was a scary experience for new parents, we feel enormously grateful for the care and expertise we received. Last November, our now-9-year-old got an infection in his heel bone, which resulted in a three-week admission. Again, during a very frightening period, we were thankful to have access to the highest-quality medical care.

During all our visits, it was readily apparent that Children's is a resource for kids from all economic levels, and from across the multi-state region it serves. At a time when access to healthcare continues to worsen in our country, I fully support a plan that will increase availability of high-quality care to sick children regardless of their economic means.

I appreciate that the neighbors of Children's are concerned about the impact on their quality of life. I believe that Alternative 7 has appropriately addressed legitimate concerns, such as views and neighborhood access. Children's is already a leader in getting employees out of single-occupancy vehicles. Its commitment to improving that record even further is thus credible, and should be a model for other employers. Given the importance of maintaining and expanding access to high-quality healthcare, I believe the plan adequately balances the concerns of a relatively small group of homeowners with the needs of families in the multi-state area.

The expansion plan is needed due to the simple realities of population growth and extended stays warranted by improvements in treating kids with chronic conditions. It is also consistent with the challenges of serving very sick children. When my son was young, we were once assigned a room with four patients, divided by curtains. Because sick kids want their parents at their sides, that meant that at least four caregivers were also sleeping in the one room on fold-out bed/chairs, and many more family members were in the room during the day. One mother was obviously sick, as she vomited in the restroom. We got sick shortly after, which seems likely to have resulted from sharing close quarters with someone with a contagious illness. Due to an increase in the number of beds in the intervening 8 years, on our most recent visit our son either shared a room with one other patient or had his own room. As he was battling an infectious disease, it had to have been advantageous to be in an environment in which he had less access to potential contagions. It was also a much more comfortable environment for him as he went through a very difficult period. It may seem like a luxury to provide single rooms for all patients, but sick children are not like sick adults. They want their caregivers with them at all times. And sometimes they can't help crying about their fears. I can't imagine that it was great for the small boy who was in the hospital for one night with a broken arm to listen to my child crying in the middle of the night.

Based on the information I have reviewed, Children's has demonstrated that its growth plan serves a critical healthcare need. The current design plan will allow it to meet that need, while appropriately addressing the interests of those who live near the hospital. I thus urge you to timely approve Plan 7 so the focus of energy and resources can shift to meeting the current healthcare needs and preparing to meet those needs in the future.

Sincerely,

Shannon Phillips
1615 E. Mercer St.
Seattle, WA 98112

7/9/08

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

As a Seattleite, I am urging you to support the expansion of Children's Hospital under proposed Alternative 7. Children's Hospital is an important institution in our community and everything that can be done to further its needs and goals must be strongly considered. In looking at Alternative 7, both the hospital and the surrounding area will benefit. The hospital will be able to treat more children with serious medical needs, while the impact on the nearby neighborhoods will be minimized.

Thank you,
Nathan Plotko
1800 Baylson Ave
Apt 262
Seattle, WA 98122

June 30, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Children's Expansion

I am writing today in support of Children's expansion efforts. And I do this for many reasons. As a neighbor, they are stellar. I have never met any person or organization so receptive and attentive to the needs of others. They are to be commended.

Let me share exactly what I mean. I live directly south of their administration building located on 70th and Sandpoint Way. The lights of the oncoming cars shine into my first and second story windows at night. This, is in no way the fault of Children's Hospital, but they were contacted by my homeowners association to discuss the lack foliage on the corner.

They came out immediately, and told us what they would do on their side of the fence, and then they did exactly what they said they would. They also told us what to plant on our side of the fence, and then offered to give us the plants that would thrive in the wooded area. And lastly, they checked in with us to see if the mature plantings blocked the view of the oncoming car. The plants they put in looked like they had been there for years.

The second reason that I support Children's expansion efforts is that my daughter has received mental health treatment at Children's. And unfortunately there are very few inpatient mental health services in Washington State for kids. She didn't have severe issues, but left untreated, they would have exacerbated into something that would have been life altering for my entire family. Mental health care needs are on the rise, and it is my worry, that if Children's is not allowed to increase their number of beds, there would be no place for these kids to go. And if they are left untreated, their problems will become insurmountable when they reach adulthood. To say that the beds are not needed, is equivalent to denying that the reason for the services does not exist.

And finally, as an employee of Children's, I can tell you that we are constantly feeling the crunch of not enough beds. It is affecting our ability to provide quality care for all of the kids who need to be treated.

Sincerely,

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Jane Webster Power
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July 6, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Mr. Ringgold:


I am a supporter of Alternative 7 for Children's Hospital – the one that lets them expand to the west.

Children's is a needed institution and one that benefits our city. We need to enable them to continue their very important work for our current and future children.

This new plan answers the concerns expressed about the original plan. The building heights are lower and the traffic and construction is kept away from the neighbors.

Please approve it.

Sincerely,


Jane W. Power

July 22, 2008

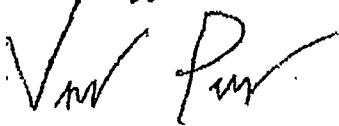
Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I work at a local business near Children's Hospital and I support the Alternative 7 because of the additional people it will bring to the area. The staff and patients of the hospital provide a lot of our business. I am glad to hear that Alternative 7 involves a transit station that will keep the additional cars on the street to a minimum, while still bringing more people to our area.

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Sincerely,



VICTOR POWICKE
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Apt #101
Seattle, WA 98122

July 2, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Seattle, Washington 98124-4019

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

The purpose of this letter is to address Seattle Children's Hospital Draft Major Institute Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I have lived in Seattle for 40 years and raised three children here. I have always taken my children to Children's Hospital for illness and preventative care because I was aware of the high quality of care they would receive from the Pediatricians. My children were always treated with the greatest of care and everyone was very concerned for their health. Although my children are grown and healthy, we as a family will never forget the way we were cared for and treated at Children's Hospital. We wholeheartedly support Children's Hospital.

If Children's Hospital is hindered from expanding or if you are considering closing its doors, we have to ask ourselves: "Who is going to care for the children?" The children are our future and we must have an invested interest to make sure they are healthy and have a place to go to in their times of illness. We need to know they will be taken care of by knowledgeable Pediatricians like the one's we have at Children's Hospital. To deny expansion of the hospital is to deny our children the proper care we owe them as parents and caregivers.

I implore you to allow Children's Hospital the ability to expand and continue the miraculous services they have rendered over the decades for the sake of our children.



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July 23, 2008

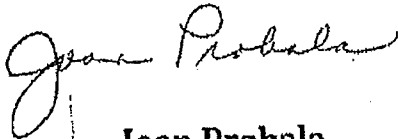
Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold:

I have been following the expansion project in the news and realize that you are going to make an important decision soon regarding the project. I have been a strong supporter of Children's Hospital for many years, and urge you to support Alternative 7. This is the best expansion option for the hospital.

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Sincerely,



Joan Probala
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Issaquah 98027

CONSTANCE L. PROCTOR
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Seattle, WA 98101

July 25, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Dear Mr. Ringgold:

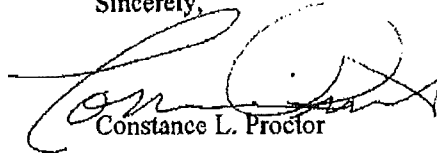
This letter is written in support of Children's plan to add approximately 1.5 million square feet over the next 15-20 years to its main campus and approximately 200,000 square feet on the Hartmann site as proposed in the Draft Master Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I am familiar with the medical centers operations, its affiliations with the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and its overall significance to the health and welfare of children of our state and our region. I served as volunteer and as member of the Board of Trustees for Children's for many years. I know the City's Master Plan process for major institutions is an arduous and thorough process and I believe that Children's has made a good faith effort to address the concerns of nearby neighbors and other community members in Northeast Seattle.

I am also confident that Children's will take the appropriate mitigation steps to lessen the impacts of its proposed development on the main campus and at the Hartmann site. In fact, I understand Children's staff are already in the process of addressing some of the traffic impacts having recently piloted its new shuttle service from the main campus to the downtown Seattle bus tunnel.

Finally, of the proposed Alternatives currently under consideration, I hope that Alternative 7 (Early Laurelon Development) will move forward as one of the preferred alternatives. The additional 7-acre Laurelon Terrace site will allow the hospital to meet its long-term facility and clinical needs and address many of the neighbors' previous concerns around height and view impairment.

Thank you for considering my comments and please keep be abreast of the outcome of this process.

Sincerely,



Constance L. Proctor

**Louise Questad
9001 Lake City Way NE
Apartment 234B
Seattle, WA 98115**

July 8, 2008

**Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Dear Mr. Ringgold,

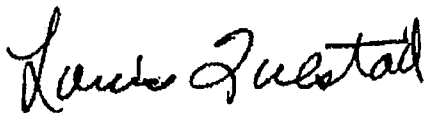
Please consider favorably Alternative Plan 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital onto the Laurelon Terrace property. Generally speaking, higher-rising buildings in a residential community tend to detract from the livability of the area. The fact that this plan is expected to provide facilities for the next twenty years is a desirable feature.

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I trust that you will consider favorably replacement of the homes that are lost in the lower/middle class range as these are still greatly needed. But it seems to me to be paramount to provide for the well-being of the children of the area.

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Sincerely,



Louise Questad

Cheryll Quilter
P O Box 15933
3512 87th St NE
Seattle, WA 98115

July 24, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please support the alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I appreciate your efforts to find a plan that works for the Northeast Seattle residents. I know traffic congestion is a problem in the area, and I am glad that alternative 7 addresses this issue with a new transit station. 1

Thank you,

Cheryll Quilter

Bernadette Caroline Quint
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Seattle, WA 98105

June 30, 2008

Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have lived in the Northeast Seattle area my entire life. I grew up in Laurelhurst with my parents and three siblings. Now as a young adult, I have chosen to continue to make Northeast Seattle my home. As a lifelong Northeast Seattle neighbor, I cherish having Children's Hospital in my community. Though I have no children of my own, I am the part-time nanny for my nephew who lives right around the corner from me. If anything ever were to happen to him, I am reassured to know that he would be able to receive the best pediatric medical care the world has to offer at Children's Hospital in just minutes.

I strongly support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I appreciate that Children's Hospital values the charming neighborhoods of Northeast Seattle as much as I do. I am glad to know that Children's Hospital has invested the time and energy to find a community solution to their expansion plan.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Quint

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June 26, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a physician who works and lives in the North Seattle area I would like to endorse Alternative 7.

This plan is vital to the growth and health of the Seattle Community. I was born in Seattle and I have watched the tremendous expansion of the region. We really need support services such as those provided at Children's Hospital. Please approve of this Alternative so that we can provide adequate community services to the people of this area. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Sincerely,



Howard J. Quint, M.D.
8257 41st Ave. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

>>> "Joan Quint" <JoanQ@McKinstry.com> 7/2/2008 8:34 AM >>>

July 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have lived in Northeast Seattle my entire life. I grew up in Laurelhurst with my parents and three siblings, and went off to college all the way up the hill to the University of Washington. Now a graduate of the UW School of Engineering, I have chosen to continue to make Northeast Seattle my home. As a lifelong Northeast Seattle neighbor, I cherish having Children's Hospital just down the road. Though I have no children of my own, my nephew lives right around the corner from me. If anything ever were to happen to him, I am reassured to know that he would be able to receive the best pediatric medical care the world has yet to offer at Children's Hospital in just minutes.

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For my nephew and all the other current, past and potential patients of Children's Hospital, I strongly support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I value the charming neighborhoods of Laurelhurst, View Ridge, Bryant, Wedgwood, Windermere and Ravenna, and I am glad to know that Children's Hospital has invested the time and energy to find a community solution to their expansion plans.

Sincerely,
Joan Quint

John Quint
2919 NE 53rd Street
Seattle, WA 98105

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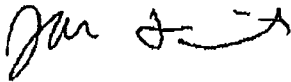
Scott Ringgold
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott,

As a member of the Northeast Seattle community, I support Laurelon Alternative 7. I lived in Laurelhurst for seven years through high school. Transitioning into the University of Washington, I remained in the area and now live just outside the University Village.

I initially became aware of the project through a family member. Growing up with two doctors for grandfathers, I highly value medical personnel and the services they offer. I view the potential expansion as extremely beneficial to the additional children who the resources will reach.

I appreciate that Children's has worked with and listened to the wishes of the community throughout this expansion process, and thank you for your time.



John Quint

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>>> <Msq723@aol.com> 7/4/2008 8:33 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

My family has lived in the View Ridge area since 1958. Our four children attended View Ridge Grade School, Eckstein Middle School and Roosevelt High School, then went on to college. I have been a Minnie Fortson Kirk Children's Hospital Guild member for many of those years so have a good understanding of the medical center's past and present accomplishments.

All four of our children were patients for varying reasons at COH and we were grateful for the immediate attention, expert and loving care. I realize young patients from other states also are treated and their families integrated in their care as well, but having such a fine facility in such close proximity to our home has added to our security here.

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A friend who lives at Laurelon Terrace has studied the buy-out offer fully and feels it is a fair one. Friends in Laurelhurst are trusting that once the construction is completed, their area will not be further disturbed by the expansion of Children's Hospital. I've heard almost no negative comments from those friends or neighbors in this surrounding area. Of the "noise" and "view", it appears the plans have already shown those to be successfully addressed.

I'm confident your affirmation of the proposed Children's Hospital expansion will prove a wise decision.

Yours truly,
Mary S. Quint

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June 5, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
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RE: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center - Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 Expansion Plan

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a life-long resident of the Northeast District of Seattle, I am writing to express my full support for a Children's Hospital expansion plan that is best for the community and the hospital. I strongly believe that the Alternative 7 design involving the acquisition and development of the Laurelon Terrace site best preserves the character of the neighborhood, while limiting the impact of the construction phase on the residential community, patients, and hospital staff.

I represent the past, present and future residents of Northeast Seattle. My parents met through their fathers, who were Medical Partners of the Seattle Women's Clinic. My father lived in View Ridge with his family, attending View Ridge Elementary, Eckstein Middle School, and Roosevelt High School with his three siblings. My mother lived with her family in Windermere and attended Assumption St. Bridget's School and Blanchet High School with her four siblings. Knowing there is no better place to raise children, my parents settled in Laurelhurst. My three siblings and I attended Assumption St. Bridget's School, Seattle Prep, and the University of Washington. Now, I live in the Ravenna neighborhood with my ten month-old son, and I know he will be a DAWG one day!

Thankfully, my family has escaped the sort of fate that would cause one of us to be a patient of Children's Hospital. However, we recognize the positive impact of this world-renowned medical center on our community. We realize the importance of family-centered pediatric care, the cutting-edge research, and the educational resources that Children's Hospital offers the region. For these reasons, I was excited to learn that Children's Hospital is continuing to invest in its presence in our community.

I have followed the expansion plans of Children's Hospital closely in the news and have begun attending community meetings on the issue. I realize that after an exhaustive research process, the Seattle Department of Planning and Development and the Children's Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee determined Alternative 7 to be the best expansion plan. Among their reasons, the most important are listed below:

- o The existing hospital is left intact during construction.
- o Homeowners' views are protected with the heights of the buildings remaining low.
- o Traffic on residential streets is minimized.
- o A new transit hub is included which better facilitates public transportation to and from the hospital for patients, families, employees and neighbors.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the Alternative 7 expansion plan of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. Thank you for your careful consideration of this community issue.

Sincerely,

Meghan B. Quint
Meghan B. Quint

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June 22, 2008
Scott Ringgold
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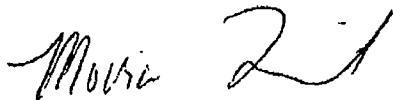
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am a lifelong resident of Northeast Seattle that is committed to maintaining the character and charm of this neighborhood. I have been a resident of the Northeast Seattle area my entire life. I grew up in the Windermere neighborhood with my parents and my four siblings. I attended Assumption St Bridget Catholic School and Blanchet High School. As an adult, I married another Seattle native, and we raised our four children in Laurelhurst. Now that our children are grown, we have downsized to a small home in the Wedgewood neighborhood.

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Because of my commitment to this community, I want to ensure that the services Children's Hospital offers remain available to this community. I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan because it takes into account the concerns of the community. Traffic in residential neighborhoods is minimized. Homeowners' views are protected. I believe the character of the Northeast Seattle neighborhood is not only preserved, but will be enhanced by the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan of Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

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Moir A. Quint

Robert H. Quint
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Seattle, Washington 98115

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June 22, 2008


Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, Washington 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a lifelong resident of Northeast Seattle, I am committed to maintaining the character and charm of this neighborhood. I have been a resident of the Northeast Seattle area my entire life. I grew up in the View Ridge neighborhood, attending View Ridge Elementary School, Eckstein Middle School, and Roosevelt High School. As an adult, I married my high school sweetheart, also a Seattle native, and we chose to raise our four children in Laurelhurst.

Because of my commitment to this community, I want to ensure that the services Children's Hospital offers remain available to this community. I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan because it takes into account the concerns of the community. Traffic in residential neighborhoods is minimized. Homeowners' views are protected. I believe the character of the Northeast Seattle neighborhood is not only preserved, but will be enhanced by the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan of Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Quint

**ROSS RADLEY
11301 DURLAND PLACE NE
SEATTLE, WA 98125**

JULY 4, 2008

DEAR MR. RINGGOLD:

I HAVE LIVED IN NORTH MATTHEWS BEACH FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS. MY WIFE AND I DROVE OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN LAURELHURST FOR 15 YEARS. WE DROVE BY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TWICE A DAY. BOTH MY CHILDREN WERE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED THERE. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE EXPANSION PLANS IN THE NEWSPAPER. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT THERE WAS AN OPTION TO PURCHASE THE CONDOMINIUMS AT A PRICE THAT IS AGREEABLE TO THE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS.

BECAUSE THE LAURELON TERRACE AREA SLOPES DOWN, THE HEIGHT OF THE NEW BUILDINGS WON'T INTRUDE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARDS SAND POINT WAY WHICH IS THE MAIN ARTERIAL, INSTEAD OF TOWARDS THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM ALSO IMPRESSED TO HEAR THAT THE NEW PLAN WILL ELIMINATE THE CURRENTLY EXISTING ACCESS POINTS TO THE HOSPITAL OFF THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN THE AREA.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LAURELON TERRACE ALTERNATIVE 7 EXPANSION PLAN.

THANK YOU,

Ross Radley

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Elizabeth Rankin
6088 Wellesley Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

July 4th, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott Ringgold:

I am a longtime resident of Seattle. I grew up in Hawthorne Hills and now live in a miniature version of the house I grew up in. Since retirement, I live in the neighborhood and drive through the neighborhood. We raised our youngest daughter in Hawthorne Hills.

I have heard about the expansion of Children's Hospital both in the news and from conversations with friends. My thoughts about the need to increase capacity to provide medical care does not do justice to the issue. The question is: what are the other resources in the region and how do they compare to services offered by Children's. My understanding is that Children's Hospital handles the majority of the non-routine pediatric health care in the region and beyond.

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan because this plan reduces traffic and keeps hospital access points on the main streets. I support this alternative because of the hospital's exemplary performance of their transportation plan. I oversaw the implementation of this project and was very impressed. They routinely dedicate their resources and staffing to do the right thing when it comes to long term projects. Given the cost of fuel, allowing their staff the flexibility to participate in the transportation plan exemplifies their dedication to this initiative.

The Puget Sound area offers some of the best health care in the country, and Children's Hospital is such an important part of that network. What they are doing is so beneficial on so many fronts. On a more local level, other areas of the state are deficient, especially north central and Northeastern Washington and the ability to either evacuate or transport children to the nearest healthcare facility to meet the child's needs is essential, and Children's Hospital fills that role.

There is so much ground-breaking medical research happening in Seattle, and pediatric conditions are central to much of this research. Having a Level One Trauma center in my own backyard that, in the event of a major catastrophe, would be a huge benefit to a large-scale emergency response. The hospital fills so many community roles.

Sincerely,



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>>> "Deborah Rappaport" <deb@tratt.com> 7/10/2008 1:07 PM >>>

Thanks Scott. I'm writing in support of the Children's hospital expansion. Seattle needs to protect its special resources, and Children's is definitely one. Because of space constraints, Children's operates far beyond its capacity, and children are turned away because of overcrowding. And unfortunately, unlike a hotel, a spot in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit cannot be used for a child with complications from cystic fibrosis or Down's syndrome. Ideal capacity is about 60% and this winter it was at 100% and beyond.

Children's is crowded not only because of population growth in our region, but because they are doing such a better job at caring for kids with chronic problems, treating them both to keep them alive and to improve their quality of life. We need to embrace their success and let them have the space to do their work.

The new Laurelon Terrace proposal is a win for everybody. I hope the city will make the proper choice and invest in this diamond in our community. I am so lucky to have never needed Children's for my kids, and hope I never will. Still, many in our community, often those dealt the worst luck of poor health, need them desperately.

I want to make sure that the city knows that those who live in north east Seattle, as I do, strongly support the growth of the hospital. And I thank them for their progressive work to reduce traffic.

Thanks,
Deb

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July 22, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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Seattle, WA 98124

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

Re: Alternative 7 Children's Hospital

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to you to express my support of Alternative 7 for Children's Hospital. During the start of my career in Seattle, I lived near Children's Hospital and found them to be an amicable neighbor. I have always felt that medical services are a critical part of any community and Children's Hospital has filled that role well.

With my wife on the steering committee for the new St. Anthony's Hospital coming to Gig Harbor I can truly say that I believe that increased medical services in all neighborhoods is vital due to the ever-increasing demand of the services provided. I strongly support any expansion of Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,



Brian P. Reeder, CPM, RPA
President

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June 25, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to participate in the DEIS Public Comment about the proposed expansion of Children's Hospital. I am writing as a concerned citizen who has served Children's Hospital and its families in providing volunteer pastoral care for families and children there for nearly 20 years, in my role as Pastoral Life Director (lay woman appointed by the Archbishop to serve as pastoral leader) of two Catholic parishes—St. Therese in Madrona, and Christ the King/Cristo Rey in North Seattle. Now, in my capacity as the Coordinator of Eastside Catholic Hispanic Ministry, I work in conjunction with 14 Catholic parishes (about 20,000 families) in East King County to provide pastoral care and leadership development to the 30,000 Latinos living on the Eastside. One of our ministries is to train and provide Spanish-speaking volunteer chaplains for Children's Hospital.

In my twenty years of ministerial association with the hospital, I have been overwhelmed by the world-class pediatric care provided to families of all backgrounds, financial means, languages, and cultures. I have witnessed how the staff and doctors allayed the fears of one of the wealthiest Seattle families who faced life saving surgery for their infant, while down the hall the staff offered the same type of hopeful encouragement to a very poor family of migrant farm workers from Yakima whose child suffered from a severe cancer. (Both children are still alive today!) Children's Hospital is a beacon of hope, offering some of the finest pediatric care in the country to those who, otherwise, would have to give up hope. This point should be a source of pride for not just the Hospital, but for the Seattle Metropolitan area, and especially for its geographic neighbors.

The expansion of Children's is necessary. It will provide for increased and necessary access to this essential health care for more children and their families, especially for those chronically ill children who are living longer than ever before and needing high intensity care which only children's can offer.

I am aware that many residents of the area are concerned about the expansion, but I believe that Children's Hospital is addressing the concerns in a sensible way. I am particularly impressed by the way in which the community was involved through the CAC advisory process. The creative planning around the Laurelton Alternative is truly

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genius! In my mind, it seems to be a very creative and sensible choice for the city and hospital. It orients the hospital's necessary growth away from residential areas, and because of the existing slope of the property it lowers the proposed building heights. It also allows for more sane traffic patterns, including a transit hub on Sandpoint Way, thus reducing potential traffic problems in the neighborhoods.

Because I often travel Sandpoint Way myself, I am aware of how well-traveled it is, but I am confident that Children's Hospital will continue to provide excellent environmental stewardship by developing creative means of transportation to and from the hospital for employees, families, and visitors. I also believe that their careful transportation planning will end up benefiting all of us traveling that area, with better planning for bus routes and shuttles.

However, transportation and planning are only part of the issue. A larger and more important issue is what kind of legacy will the greater Seattle area leave its children? I do not believe that greatness of our city can be measured by the height of our tallest building, or the number of five star hotels, or the high quality of its opera, museums, and symphony (even though I am a fervent arts supporter). These in themselves can attract attention, kudos, and many visitors. However, there is a deeper greatness called for here.

No, I believe that future generations will judge our city's greatness by the way in which we marshaled our many resources to respond creatively and generously to the needs of the weakest members of our society. In this vein, one can see the Children's expansion project and their master planning projects as new and bold opportunities to construct a world class response to the growing needs of the youngest, most vulnerable of us, many of whom have not yet been born. How do we do this? By marshaling our already immense world class medical community, as well as the resources of our ingeniously fresh, creative designers, architects, planners, civic leaders.

We have a chance right now to choose this deeper greatness for our already great city by acting decisively now, by moving ahead with courage, with foresight. If we do this, we will be a magnet, a city on a hill, not just for those who appreciate the finest life has to offer, but for the most vulnerable. You may not receive all the gratitude up front, but future generations of children and the families who find life and hope and purpose will thank you and all of us. And hopefully, they will carry on the tradition.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Patricia C. Repikoff
Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry for the Eastside Catholic Community

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City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
P. O. Box 34017
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Regarding: Support for Alternative 7

July 23, 2008

To the Land Use Planner for the Children's Hospital Expansion Project:

Please support the Alternative 7 expansion plan onto the Laurelon Terrace Condominium property. Finally, the City of Seattle and Children's Hospital have found a solution that works for the neighbors as well. Alternative 7 solves the issue of towering buildings by building out and downhill instead of straight up. It addresses traffic concerns by leaving hospital access points on busy streets and adding a new transit hub. And it resolves the fears of continual, uncontrollable growth that is causing the neighborhood angst by planning for the next 20 years.

Thank you for considering to support Alternative 7. This plan aligns the needs of the hospital with the wishes of the neighbors.

Sincerely,



Billy Rex
8612 29th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Morgan Richardson
631 Elm Place
Edmonds, WA 98020

July 24, 2008

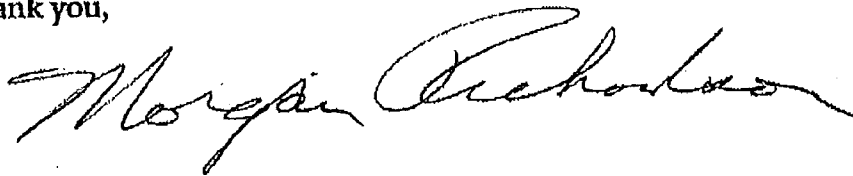
Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of the hospital.

This is the best plan for the further improvement of the area. The hospital is so
important to the local economy, and an expansion will just add to the
overwhelmingly strong community that is Seattle. 1

Thank you,

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July 24, 2008

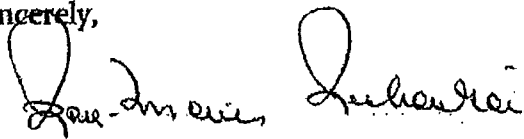
Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott:

Please support the LT Alternative 7 expansion of the hospital. This plan provides a solution that works for the community by offering a plan to control traffic flow. The new transit hub will be an excellent addition to the area.

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Sincerely,

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Rosemarie Richardson
631 Elm Place
Edmonds, WA 98020

Would you like to be on the mailing list? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name Pacita Roberts
Street/P.O. Box 10516 27th Ave. NE
City Seattle State WA Zip 98125
E-mail pacitaroberts@gmail.com

How does the project affect you? Did the EIS analysis cover the potential impacts? What are some potential measures that could be added to or changed in the Master Plan that would diminish the project's environmental effects? Thank you for offering your comments.

Comments:

I would like to offer my support for the expansion of the main hospital facility. Alternative 1 is an opportunity to allow this to happen with the least impact to the surrounding area, and provide the much needed beds and facilities to care for injured or critically ill children. The traffic congestion is a concern, and I urge the city to work with the hospital and major neighbors including the University of Washington, University Village, and the University District, to alleviate the traffic congestion that is inevitable in this growing region.

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July 22, 2008

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CC: Mayor Greg Nickels

Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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Re: Children's Hospital Expansion

Dear Sirs:

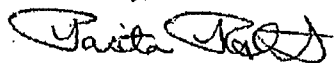
Thank you for all your efforts on the behalf of the city of Seattle, its surroundings and all its citizens, to make this area one of the most liveable in the world. I am constantly reminded of what a great community I am blessed to be a part of when I see our efforts directed in a way that improves our city for ourselves and our children. The Laurelon Terrace option is nothing short of a miracle; to have such an opportunity fall into place at this time was no doubt a result of care and effort on the part of many people. What a gift to be able to develop the needed hospital space with minimal disruption to the existing operation, and also afford the room to develop a much needed transportation hub in that location.

As a member of the surrounding community, I and my friends and family have been the recipients of the excellent care and education made possible by having this amazing facility. My friend, Karen from Olympia, had her son operated on within days of birth at Children's Hospital. Today he is a thriving, healthy young man of 19. I know that you must be receiving many such testimonials, as there is no end to the amount of life-saving medical care bestowed on our populace. My daughters have benefitted from the Growing Up Girls class, the babysitting, and CPR classes. No doubt their skills have rolled over into our neighborhood in the form of responsible babysitters and adolescents. The emphasis on education and preventative care in the name of our children is a model for the entire nation.

As an employee of the University, I have experienced the traffic congestion that concerns many of us in this neighborhood. Such traffic definitely concerns me, but in all honesty, I don't see how stifling the growth of a major community resource will help. Sensible and far-thinking planning and commitment from the entire community are required to relieve these problems. I beseech the city, state, and community to work together with the hospital, the University of Washington, the surrounding commercial interests (University District and University Village), and the state transportation system (SR-520), to make these destinations more accessible to employees and users.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my support for the hospital expansion, and especially Alternative 7.

Sincerely,



Pacita Roberts

Christopher Roeniche

36 West Dravus Street
Seattle, WA 98119

June 21, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

A friend of mine recently brought the Children's Hospital expansion plan to my attention. I grew up in Portland, Oregon, but have been living in Seattle a little over two years now. I am currently a graduate student at Seattle Pacific University. The deliberate expansion of services to the community at large is something I appreciate about the Seattle medical community, and specifically Children's Hospital.

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After reviewing the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan, I appreciate how the values and concerns of the community were taken into account, both aesthetically (i.e. maintaining current heights and views) and pragmatically (i.e. reducing the impact of traffic constraints during construction). I believe this expansion plan will solve immediate needs, but also appropriately serves future needs of the Seattle region.

Sincerely,



Chris Roeniche

Nate Root
4625 41st Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105

July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Dept of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

I am in favor of the city ADOPTING alternative 7....the expansion of Children's Hospital to Laurelon Terrace—as are the majority of my neighbors.

This alternative is fair to the hospital and fair to the owners of Laurelon Terrace. Both communities are wonderful places for their spirit and history. It has taken many years for both of these communities to evolve into their own special existence.

Most residents of Laureon Terrace feel that the townhome community has become a special place of people living together in close proximity. The community is composed a diverse community of young people, older people, retired people, young families. It is a great place to live for many reasons.

If the residents of Laurelon are to sacrifice the existence of their community for the greater good of the Hospital then alternative seven is a viable proposal. If the residents of Laurelon do not choose to sacrifice the existence of the community so that the hospital may expand then alternative seven is not a viable proposal.

We would like this completed as soon as possible so that we can move on with our lives, and Children's Hospital will be able to meet the medical needs of our community's children.

Sincerely,



Nate Root

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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Hello, my name is Nicole Rose and I am a resident at Laurelon Terrace. I have lived here for the past 7 years with my husband and now our two children. My in-laws and many of our friends live in the area as well.

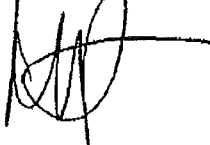
Our family has an interest in the expansion of Children's Hospital. First, as a mother, I am in favor of the growth of the hospital. Both of our children have been patients of the hospital and I commend them for their professionalism and compassion. Having been inside the hospital, we have observed that the hospital is in need of more space.

Secondly, to give up the Laurelon Terrace space was a difficult decision. There is sorrow in seeing this community disappear. Laurelon has been a special community to many people who live here now and those who have moved on. However, we have the opportunity to give this space to children in need. There is no way this community would have agreed to sell had this offer come from a developer. That makes this expansion on these grounds more special and unique.

Finally, alternative 7 will give the residents of Northeast Seattle an expansion that will best suit the area. The community will not see a lurking tower from far away. It will be built into the natural contour of the landscape. As well, the expansion will bring an increase in economy to the local businesses.

Thank you for you time.

Nicole Rose



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Steve Ross

3625 47th Ave NE

Seattle, WA 98105

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

July 18, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold

Department of Planning and Development

P.O. Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I live in Laurelhurst and am in full support of Children's Hospital's plans for expansion. Though I have supported Children's growth from the beginning, I am impressed at how the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the hospital have responded to the concerns of our neighbors. Alternative 7 will allow the hospital to expand in the manner that it needs to continue to meet the growing needs of sick children. At the same time this alternative addresses many of the community's concerns by lowering the building heights and moving the development closer to Sand Point Way and away from the neighborhood. Coupled with the exciting bicycle and pedestrian improvements proposed as part of this plan, Alternative 7 has the potential to change our neighborhood for the better.

As a father, I know the great comfort of having one of the world's best pediatric hospitals in our backyard. As a cancer survivor, I understand the critical importance of specialized care and research. It wasn't long ago that I was treated for cancer and if it hadn't been for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the breakthrough bone marrow transplant I received there, I wouldn't be here today.

This procedure was not one I could have received at just any hospital. Because the Hutch is on the cutting edge of breakthrough research, it was one of a handful of centers in the country able to offer me a truly lifesaving treatment. I feel so fortunate that because I live in Seattle I had options and access to this type of specialized care when I needed it most. Children's provides the same type of unique, specialized medical care for children throughout the Northwest region.

I can think of nothing more important for a community to coalesce around than working together to ensure that this kind of care continues to be available for both for our local children as well as all the sick and suffering children throughout our region.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of the Draft EIS and Draft Master Plan. It is my hope that you will support Children's plans for growth in Laurelhurst and specifically Alternative 7.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Ross".

Steve Ross

Founder and co-chair, Friends of Children's Hospital

Cc: Michael Jenkins

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels

Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

Shelley Rossi
2522 Ne 94th Street
Seattle, WA 98115

June 18, 2009

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Attention Scott Ringgold:

As a parent of a Seattle Children's Hospital patient, I have experienced firsthand the pivotal role the hospital plays in our region, which is why I support Children's Hospital's plans for expansion. A resident of Wedgwood, I am also a neighbor of the hospital and appreciate the numerous public benefits of Alternative 7.

My daughter Della was born eight weeks early, weighing only 4 pounds and requiring oxygen support, steroids for her lungs and a blood transfusion. At her 12-month check up, doctors told my husband and me that they were concerned with Della's development in her leg and stomach muscles, which would require physical therapy. We chose Seattle Children's Hospital for her treatment because of its centralized care and reputation as the best pediatric medical center on the West coast.

Premature babies are at a higher risk for medical complications throughout childhood, and we are incredibly fortunate to have specialized pediatric care just minutes away from our Wedgwood home. In addition to her physical therapy, Della has been treated at Seattle Children's on three separate occasions for croup, ear infections and fluid in her lungs. Having access to so many skilled specialists in one synergistic location has been an invaluable asset and a source of comfort while enduring the stress of having a sick child. As the demand for Children's high-quality services continues to increase, the hospital urgently needs to grow to meet the needs of its current and future patients.

As a resident of Northeast Seattle as well as the parent of a patient, I have witnessed the hospital's critical need for space, but I also understand that Seattle Children's needs to grow in a way that maintains the character of its surrounding neighborhood. Having worked in real estate for most of my professional career, I know how difficult it is to find contiguous space like the seven-acre Laurelon Terrace property. Alternative 7 is an unbelievable opportunity to address the hospital's need for additional space while addressing some of the concerns of the neighborhood. Most important to me is that this alternative allows Children's to remain intact during construction, reducing disruption to patients and families.

The high-quality care my daughter has received at Seattle Children's Hospital should be available to every child. I am concerned that the hospital is faced with the possibility of turning away a child because there is simply not enough room. As the parent of a formerly sick child, I can assure you that turning away a child in need of care due to a lack of space would be devastating for everyone involved.

Della is almost 4 years old now. She is healthy, energetic and shows no traces of the muscular problems that hindered her early development. I support Children's plans for growth and Alternative 7 because I believe every child deserves the best care available; and in Seattle, the best pediatric care is at Children's.

Sincerely,



Shelley Rossi

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

Molly Rubin
5986 169th Ave SE
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425-747-2060
July 25, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Attention Scott Ringgold:

As a local parent of two young children who have both been patients of Seattle Children's Hospital, I have personally experienced the vital role the hospital plays in our community and our region. I would like to sincerely express my support for Seattle Children's Hospital's plans for expansion as well as Alternative 7.

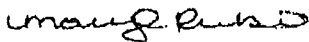
My older daughter was a patient earlier this year when she had her tonsils removed. The care that she received from every person she came in contact with was remarkable. Every member of the team made her feel comfortable, and took the time to listen to her concerns. The whole family was impressed with the level of care we received throughout the whole process.

As a parent, I always worry that something might happen to one of my girls. I honestly sleep better at night knowing that Children's is a short drive away if something did happen. From talking to many of my friends, I know I am not alone. A factor for many of us, including me, in choosing to live in the Seattle area has been the incredible pediatric care that we can get at Children's Hospital.

The high-quality care we have received at Seattle Children's Hospital should be available to every child. I am concerned that the hospital may need to turn patients away simply because there is not enough room. As a parent, I can assure you that turning away a sick child due to a lack of space would be devastating to all involved.

I support Children's plans for growth and Alternative 7 because I believe every child deserves the best care available, and in Seattle the best pediatric care is at Children's.

Sincerely,



Molly Rubin

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

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Steven Rutledge
4441 94th Ave NE
Yarrow Point, WA 98004

July 23, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold

I am writing to express my strong support for Children's Hospital and its expansion plans at the Laurelhurst campus. Children's Hospital is a world-renowned institution and an asset to this city, region and four-state area it serves. I know the demands that are being placed on our healthcare system and the efforts being made to meet those demands.

Children's Hospital is at capacity. This past winter, the hospital had to think creatively to fit 254 patients in 250 beds. Make-shift rooms were set up in the operating rooms, which was a great solution until the following day; surgeries had to be rescheduled to accommodate the patients using those rooms. This can be very disruptive to patients and their families, and should not have to happen when there is a viable option for growth.

The Citizens Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital have worked diligently to come up with a remarkable solution in Alternative 7. The proposal allows the hospital to continue serving all of the children who demand its services, while staying true to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Alternative 7 alleviates many of the neighborhood's concerns, especially those related to transportation, views and height and bulk. The hospital has gone to great detail to listen to the community and work together with the Citizens Advisory Committee to continue to be a good neighbor in Laurelhurst.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. I urge you to see the necessity of maintaining the quality of this world-class institution. We need to stand behind Children's Hospital and support the work they are doing and allow it to grow to continue working at the highest standards of excellence.

Sincerely,



Steven Rutledge

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

Susan Rutledge
4441 94th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

July 23, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to urge your support of Children's Hospital's plans for expansion in the Laurelhurst neighborhood. The need to expand Children's Hospital is clearly necessary. This past winter, the hospital was at capacity on most days. For a children's hospital that reaches a four-state area, this is not okay. There is no reason that a child should be turned away from a pediatric hospital because there is not enough space for them, especially when there is a viable alternative for growth.

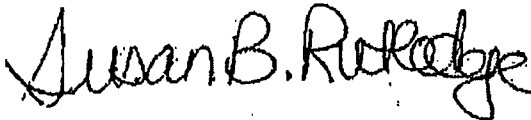
As an employee at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, I know what an asset an institution such as Children's is to our industry as well as to our city. We are very fortunate to have a world-class pediatric hospital in our community. Seattle is a city based on innovation and research and Children's Hospital is at the center. Alternative 7 is another clear example of the innovative approach Children's Hospital takes in making decisions that will not only affect its patients, staff and neighbors but also the city, state and region.

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Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital is the best alternative. It allows the hospital the space it desperately needs to continue serving the children who demand its care. This alternative also takes into account the concerns of the neighborhood and makes creative solutions to the concerns related to transportation, views and height and bulk. All children deserve the very best healthcare, and Alternative 7 will allow Children's Hospital continue to provide those services to all children.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. This alternative is considerate of the neighborhood, and will assure that Children's remains a world-class institution for children's health. Children's Hospital is an asset to Seattle and it must be treated as such.

Sincerely,



Susan B. Rutledge

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o
Steve Sheppard

Jessica Samples
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July 6, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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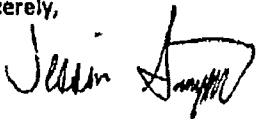
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I urge you to support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. This is the best plan for the community, hospital, and neighbors for the following important reasons:

- Less traffic on residential streets with access on the West of the hospital campus
- Lower building heights
- Better hospital campus design for patients and their families
- New transit hub to reduce area traffic

Thank you for your careful consideration of this community matter. Your decision on July 11th will impact the children of our area for years to come.

Sincerely,



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& Development

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Derek Sandbeck

23229 81st Place West

Edmonds, WA 98026

July 8, 2008

Scott Ringgold

Dept of Planning and Development

P. O. 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

I have lived and worked in the north Seattle area for the past nine years. As a former realtor, I know the value of this area and appreciate the financial benefits that Childrens is providing the residents of Laurelon Terrace. I was a patient at Childrens when I was five and strongly support its mission.

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Sincerely,



Derek Sandbeck

Chuck Santon <ccsanton@hotmail.com 7/8/2008 6:55 PM

Hello Mr. Ringgold.

I live at 7708 44th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115, just north of Laurelon Terrace. I've raised my son here and enjoy living in the area called either Wedgwood or View Ridge, depending on who you talk to, for over 20 years.

I have a dear friend whose son had a serious heart problem and many times I have visited him at Children's Hospital. I fully support their plans for expansion. I like Alternative 7 and value the hospital's presence in the community, which I heard about in the newspaper and from neighbors.

Please support this plan for this welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Charles C. Santon
7708 44th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115

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TAMIKO SANTON <tsanton@u.washington.edu 7/9/2008 1:35 PM

Hello Mr. Ringgold ,

I live at Laurenlon Terrace for seven years. I've raised my son in the area, just north of Laurenlon Terrace, called either Wedgwood or View Ridge, depending on who you talk to, for over 20 years.

I fully support the mission of Children's Hospital and plans for expansion. 1
They needs to increase its capacity to provide needed medical care for children. I like Alternative 7 and value the hospital's presence in the community.

Please support the plan for this welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Tamiko Santon
4626 41st Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105

Beverly Savage
10226 SE 6th St., Apt. 11
Bellevue, WA 98004

July 10, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to express my support for the Children's Hospital Expansion that will utilize the Laurelton Terrace property.

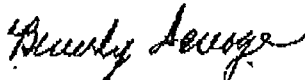
As a longtime property owner in the neighborhood, I have watched this expansion proposal with a great deal of interest.

This is a winning solution for all. Children's needs to be able to meet the healthcare needs of our children now and in the future. But the community needs an expansion proposal that protects them from undue traffic, construction and building height impacts.

The Laurelton Terrace property allows those concerns to be met and the proposal allows those property owners to be fairly compensated.

I urge you and the City Council to approve this plan.

Sincerely,



Beverly Savage

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Valerie Schaeffer
4644 41st Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98105

June 23, 2008

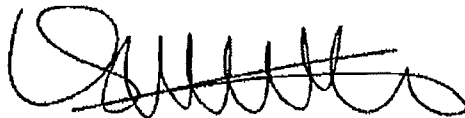
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

As a single mother of two children victims of domestic abuse, I was obliged to sell my condominium to pay legal bills in December 2007. I was extremely glad to have an offer from Children's Hospital that was more than fair to purchase my unit at Laurelon Terrace. As a doctor, I also understand the need for Children's expansion, especially for better access to their emergency room, less restriction on helicopter landing and more single rooms for families of sick children. Children who are dying or sick on a regular basis deserve the best care and privacy at the same time, and Children's Hospital has a reputation for providing just that.

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I strongly support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan because I feel it serves the needs of the hospital, the neighbors, and the larger pediatric community.

Sincerely,



Ryan Schoeneman
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Seattle, WA 98103
schoney13@yahoo.com

6-24-08

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

My name is Ryan Schoeneman and I'm a 9 year resident of the North Seattle area. I just recently was informed of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 Expansion Plan and I would like to lend my full support.

I hear the complaints and concerns of the neighbors, such as slightly heavier traffic, blocked views and noise complaints and see this is a very small price to pay for a child's health issues. I myself was granted the gift of a healthy childhood and adulthood through an emergency Pyloric Stenosis surgery as an infant at Children's Hospital. Alternative 7 gives Seattle a chance to expand on a world class facility with minimal impact on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ryan Schoeneman

Jill Schropp
1918 E. Lynn
Seattle, WA 98112

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P O Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

July 4, 2008

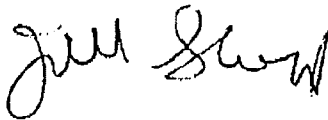
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

My name is Jill Schropp, and I am a longtime member of Montlake and a former president of the Montlake Community Club. I am a whole-hearted supporter of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center for it has served the needs of children and families for many years. It is essential that institutions of this caliber be able to expand in ways that best serve the needs of their patients as well as meet the deep concerns of their neighborhoods.

I am convinced that the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 is the best plan for meeting both the needs of the hospital and the community. Additionally, this plan has the most minimal deleterious environmental impact.

I hope that you will give Alternative 7 the highest consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Erin Schwalbach
12017 SE 73rd St
Newcastle, WA 98056

July 4, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a Seattle area resident for over 15 years I believe that expansion of Children's Hospital is critical so they can offer more services to the children of our community. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan allows them to do just that with very little impact on the neighborhood. The traffic impact on the neighborhood will be minimal with a new transit hub and access to the hospital moving solely to Sand Point Way. Furthermore, views will not be impaired by this plan.

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Having lived in Seattle for such a lengthy period of time, I realize we are a growing community and our health care system needs to grow to keep up with the changing needs of the community.

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,



David J. Schwartz
2402 Northeast 65th Street #309
Seattle, Washington 98115

June 26, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, Washington 98124 -- 4019

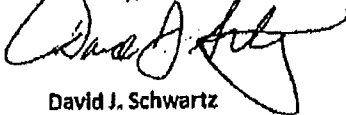
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a parent, it is invaluable to have Children's Hospital in my neighborhood. I strongly support the expansion of Children's Hospital, and I think the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan is the best way for them to do that. I am especially impressed with Children's Hospital's concern for the traffic problems in the area. I am very excited that the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan includes a new transit hub that will further enable the hospital's award-winning transportation program.

I have lived in Northeast Seattle since moving to the area in 2006. I have come to appreciate the unique character of this area, particularly the lack of overbuilding that can be common in popular urban areas. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan will leave this unique character intact. Additionally, the focus on public transportation in this plan is something I wholeheartedly support. Public transportation is my sole means of transport these days and I understand the need to reduce automobile traffic wherever necessary.

I urge you to approve this plan and allow the Children's Hospital to expand the scope of their care for the children of Seattle in an effective but socially responsible way.

Sincerely,


David J. Schwartz

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James Searle

6273 19th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

Monday, July 21, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
City of Seattle
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

Mr. Ringgold;

After reading some of the comments of people opposed to the expansion of Children's Hospital, it seems they'd be happiest if the hospital moved somewhere else. Oklahoma City, perhaps. Well, I want to add my voice to those who believe that Children's *should* be allowed to grow on its Laurelhurst campus.

Too me, the expansion seems logical. Particularly now that Children's Hospital is close to reaching an agreement that would allow it to build the vast majority of its new facilities on neighboring property now occupied by a condominium. The advisory committee that has been working with the hospital and the Laurelhurst neighborhood helped develop this plan, one which seems to meet the needs of both the surrounding community and the medical center. The Major Institutions Master Plan process is working.

The need for additional beds at Children's is real. The hospital is at capacity. There were times this winter when every single bed was filled. That's very troubling. If we are having difficulty accommodating sick youngsters today, what's going to happen over the next five, 10, 15, 20 years? Kids aren't 'little adults' whose health needs can be met at other hospitals. Children's outstanding quality is that it is a national leader in specialized pediatric care.

So once again, let me express my support for Children's Hospital's plan to grow on the Laurelhurst campus. This will allow the hospital to provide the best treatment in one place, where the sickest kids can receive comprehensive care. And it will help ensure that Children's Hospital can continue to meet the needs of all of us in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you,


James Searle

Brandy Fertig Senecal
12319 NE 68th Pl
Kirkland WA 98033

July 20, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital plans for expansion and support of Alternative 7

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

Attention Scott Ringgold,

As a parent of a special needs child, our family has been greatly served by Seattle Children's Hospital and every child in our region should have access to such an amazing facility. I am writing to express my full support of Seattle Children's Hospital's expansion and Alternative 7.

Late last year our son Finn was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of 10 years old. Our family was devastated and had no idea what our future would hold for us. Before we could even speak of the next steps our family would need to take, Children's stepped in to set up coordinated visits for our son's care. There were appointments with the genetic counselors, physical therapists, cardiologists and rehabilitation clinic. There was baseline testing needed for his steroid therapy. There were leg braces to be ordered and orthopedic inserts to be fitted for. It was overwhelming the number of specialists involved in my son's care and at the time of his diagnosis, I was unaware that he needed to be seen by half of them. It wasn't until months later and countless hours of research that I realized that we had received some of the very best treatment available, anywhere.

I understand the difficulty Children's must be facing in trying to find a space to expand while maintaining the look and feel of the surrounding neighborhood. However, limiting Seattle Children's Hospital's ability to treat children due to lack of space would be unnecessary and tragic. I support Children's plans for expansion and Alternative 7 because I know firsthand its importance to the health of our Children and its significance to families here in the Northwest. Alternative 7 would allow Children's to remain open throughout the expansion which would mean uninterrupted care for many sick children. We must continue to allow Children's to grow and expand as necessary so that every child with a need will be taken care of.

Sincerely,



Brandy Fertig Senecal

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

July 10, 2008

To whom it may concern,

Our family has lived on Surber Dr since August 1972. We would like to express our support for Children's Hospital Expansion ALTERNATIVE plan which will result in a building that is lower in height by using The Hamilton Terrace Right Site. This site choice allows CH to leave 45th without an entrance to the hospital campus. We strongly support this alternative.

Jo Anne Shanahan

Mike Shanahan

3941 N.E. Surber Dr.

Seattle, WA 98105

"Shelly Shapiro" <shellyshap@comcast.net 7/22/2008 3:40 PM

Gentlemen:

This is to let you know that my household, like many of my neighborhoods in the Laurelhurst neighborhood, support the Children's Hospital Growth and Alternative 7.

Virtually every Laurelhurst resident bought our homes well after Children's was established here as a major medical center and community asset. Its growth, though not ideal to those of us who reside nearby, is part of the trade-off for living in a city that offers such amenities as state of the art medical care for children. Children's has the right to expand in a reasonable manner. I do not want the City to cause unnecessary expense and delay that could interfere with Children's ability to continue to be able to fulfill its mission.

Thank you,
Shelly C. Shapiro
3817 40th Avenue NE
Seattle, Washington 98105

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Mr. Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

July 9, 2008

Re. Support for Seattle Children's Expansion/ Alternative 7: Laurelon Development

Dear Mr. Ringgold


We're writing this letter as long-time (30 year) advocates and supporters of Children's Hospital. As parents of two daughters, we can speak personally of Children's Hospital role as a critical resource for my family over the years.

The hospital is operating at capacity and needs to expand in order to continue to meet the growing needs of our city, state and region over then next 25 years.

Please support *Alternative 7-Early Laurelon Development*. It's the best alternative to meet the hospital's needs while preserving the character of the neighborhood, limiting the construction's impact on patients, families and local community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David and Christine Sharp
11647-73rd Place NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

cc. Mayor Greg Nickels
P.O. Box 94749
Seattle, WA 98124-4749

Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
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Department of Neighborhoods
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Seattle, WA 98124-4649

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Margaret Sherman

7305 21st Ave NE

Seattle, WA 98115

July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold

Land Use Planner II

City of Seattle

Department of Planning and Development

P. O. Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I'm writing in support of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. As a previous owner of a Laurelon Terrace condominium, I think this is the best option for the community. Alternative 7 will preserve the character of Laurelhurst and allow Children's Hospital to expand without having to build excessively tall buildings.

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Sincerely,

Margaret Sherman

Steven L. Sherman
1250 Parkside Dr. E.,
Seattle, WA 98112

July 2, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to express my support for the Children's Hospital Expansion that will utilize the Laurelon Terrace property.

As a longtime property owner in the neighborhood, I have watched this expansion proposal with a great deal of interest.

I have discussed this proposal with my friends and we all agree this is a solution for all. Children's needs to be able to meet the healthcare needs of our children now and in the future. But the community needs an expansion proposal that protects them from undue traffic, construction and building height impacts.

The Laurelon Terrace property allows those concerns to be met and the proposal allows those property owners to be fairly compensated.

I urge you and the City Council to approve this plan.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Sherman

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GARTH SHIPPEN <shippeng1@msn.com 7/25/2008 4:51 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing this letter to you in support of the expansion of Children's Hospital and Medical Center. As someone who has had their child receive care and aware of the role Children's plays in our community, it is critical that they are given the resources to fulfill their mission. The hospital is almost always at or exceeding capacity on a regular basis and, as a leading pediatric academic institution, is a very valuable asset to the region.. The expansion will create space for a badly needed increase in single-patient rooms to allow patients and their families necessary privacy and reduce the spread of disease. The impact on the area with regards to traffic would also be minimized as Children's would continue to support alternative traffic models and the encouragement of biking, walking, and public transportation. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and support of a great Northwest institution.

Sincerely,
Garth and Diep Shippen

July 7, 2008

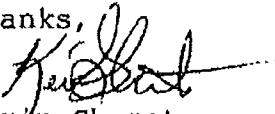
Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott,

I strongly support the expansion of Children's Hospital in accordance with the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan. While I am sure there are passionate opinions both for and against expansion in the area, I believe it is important to recognize the major beneficiary of supporting Alternative 7. Hundreds of kids in desperate need of world class health care will have the opportunity to be treated by a top notch staff. Alternative 7 also seems to strike the best balance between the needs of the hospital and those of the surrounding neighborhood. I am hopeful that you will also support this plan.

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Thanks,



Kevin Shumate

10524 NE 197th St
Bothell, WA 98011-2425

Dolores Sibonga <dolores_sibonga@hotmail.com 7/21/2008 4:14 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

This is to urge approval of Children's Master Plan.

Children's has worked diligently and effectively to address concerns of height, scale, access, neighborhood orientation, transportation and traffic. In light of the urgent need to expand the facilities, it is imperative that the City proceed to the next step in the process.

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At various times, my own family has been treated at the hospital. My grandson and other close relatives have been the beneficiaries of an excellent level of care. I dread to think what could have happened had Children's not been available, but that is a prospect we could easily face. The need is growing and Children's is at capacity now.

Sincerely,

Dolores Sibonga, former Seattle City Councilmember
Member, King County Board of Equalization

Nicole Marnell <nmarnell@yahoo.com 7/21/2008 9:51 AM

Hello!

I am writing to urge you to support the expansion of Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital is so important for Seattle: peace of mind for parents who live in the area and it attracts the best and brightest from around the world. It is a high caliber institution and we can't afford to lose that at any level.

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Sincerely,
Nicole Siciliano
503 1st Ave W, #111
Seattle, WA 98119
206-498-8277

"Jan Sinegal" <jsinegal@comcast.net 7/24/2008 9:28 AM

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Attention Scott Ringgold:

Children's Hospital has grown beyond its capacity to take care of all the children in need of care. It has become very common to re-direct patients to other hospitals in the community that are not equipped to take care of the small patient. Every child should be given the opportunity to the best care.

I have been a volunteer at Children's Hospital for 20 years. I have watched the hospital grow and expand to now be in the top 10 hospitals in the United States. It is imperative that the hospital increase its size and its bed capacity to take care of all the Children in the Northwest. All of these children will receive the treatment regardless of their ability of pay.

I understand traffic is a large issue as it is everywhere in King County. I feel very confident that Children's will make every effort to reduce the impact the hospital traffic will have on the community. There is already a shuttle service available and I know the service has plans for expansion. Employees are given special rewards in order to motivate their participation in car pools, vans and bikes. This is just the beginning of the planning.

Children's Hospital is a jewel in our community. It has a fabulous reputation around the country and will continue to put Seattle on the map with its excellence AND research. We have a chance right now to act decisively by moving ahead with courage and foresight. I am very hopeful that the Department of Planning and Development will see the importance of this project and approve the Master Plan Alternative 7.

Sincerely,
Jan Sinegal

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July 9, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringold
Department of Planning & Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Re: Proposed Expansion of Children's Hospital & Medical Center

Dear Sir,

While I am now a retired attorney living in Edmonds, Washington, I have enjoyed a long term, strong connection to the Northeast Seattle community and, specifically, to Laurelhurst and to the Laurelon Condominium complex located immediately to the West of the Children's Hospital and Medical Center ("Children's").

The bulk of my 42-year legal career was spent in private practice in Seattle law firms. In 1961 I purchased my first home, in Laurelhurst within a short walking distance from Children's. Over the next twenty years or so, I raised my four children there. During that time, my mother became widowed and moved from New York to an apartment in the then Laurelon garden apartment complex. When that complex was converted to a condominium in 1978, my mother and I purchased her apartment unit. And she continued living there until her death in 1993. I then commenced leasing my condominium unit, and with my own labor remodeled and redecorated the unit a number of times over the ensuing years. I was in the course of such a redecoration when Children's publicly announced its proposed expansion plans in 2007. As a consequence, I had to consider what would be best for me individually, as well as what would be best for the Laurelhurst community, for Children's and for the greater community which Children's serves. I would now like to share with you the conclusions I reached, and I request that you keep my views in mind as you consider Children's proposed expansion.

I am in favor of Children's proposed expansion, and, among the possible expansion alternatives, I strongly favor "ALTERNATIVE 7 ". I have already taken action on my conclusions: in January of this year I sold my condominium unit to Children's, because I concluded that there is a compelling need for Children's to expand in order to maintain its

present outstanding medical services to the present and future sick and injured children in the seven state region presently served by Children's.

Children's has assembled a world class faculty of doctors and other medical experts specializing in the care of children. When my neighbor here in Edmonds awoke one morning a few years ago and found his twelve year old son paralyzed from the neck down, he rushed him without a moments hesitation to what he knew to be the best children's hospital in the Pacific Northwest-to Children's in Seattle. And within the last two weeks, another Edmonds friend of mine took his nine-year-old daughter to Children's for reconstructive ear surgery. As a group of my church congregation's members were discussing that little girl's surgery, one spontaneously said, "I wouldn't take my child to any other hospital, it is simply the best." Several others quickly seconded her statement. I am relating these incidents to illustrate three points. First, the public interest served by Children's extends far beyond the boundaries of Laurelhurst and of Seattle; it takes in Edmonds amongst other cities in the Pacific Northwest states. Second, the public in Edmonds (and probably in all of Washington State as well as neighboring states) is aware of Children's outstanding reputation. Third, we here in Edmonds, etc. expect to be able to rush our children to Children's Hospital and Medical Center whenever the need arises.

I was present at a meeting when Children's presented actual statistics on its bed utilization percentages, (I am not sure that is the correct terminology). Included were statistics on occasions when Children's had to refer would-be patients to other hospitals because no beds were then available at Children's. A documentary program on one of our local television stations several months ago discussed the same subject and came to the same conclusion- that expansion of Children's was necessary. Incidentally, the same program quoted the parents of one such turned-away child as being incensed that Children's had no bed then available for their child. I am convinced that expansion of Children's is now necessary for the public interests of all the residents of the State of Washington and our neighboring states.

Concerning the several options, Alternative 7- expansion of Children's to the West after a purchase of Laurelon Terrace Condominium- is clearly the best plan as concerns all parties interested! It will minimize the building heights necessary to achieve the needed additional hospital space. That would present the least interference with existing homeowners views, with the general appearance of the Laurelhurst neighborhood, with the existing traffic patterns. Further, it will present the least construction impacts on the hospital and its neighbors.

I urge you to approve Children's proposed expansion plans utilizing Alternative 7!

Sincerely,

Herman S. Siqueland

cc: neseattlecares@gmail.com

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Would you like to be on the mailing list? Yes ☐ No ☒

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City Seattle State WA Zip 98115

E-mail jpsisolak@gmail.com

How does the project affect you? Did the EIS analysis cover the potential impacts? What are some potential measures that could be added to or changed in the Master Plan that would diminish the project's environmental effects? Thank you for offering your comments.

Comments:

I am a local resident living at the intersection of Sand Point Way NE and 70th Ave NE. I do not like to sit in traffic. However, I support Children's Hospital's expansion plans under Alternative 7. I believe the needs of the hospital, especially under an alternative that has addressed the majority of the community's concerns, trump concerns about some added congestion in my neighborhood. I would like to see additional transit access through the neighborhood, especially traveling East-West, and improvements to the Burke-Gilman Trail. Children's supports alternative modes of transportation. I ~~have~~ use ~~as~~ these modes and believe they warrant review for expansion by Metro and the City of Seattle.

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**MAURY SKEITH
317 37TH AVENUE EAST
SEATTLE, WA 98112**

**SCOTT RINGGOLD
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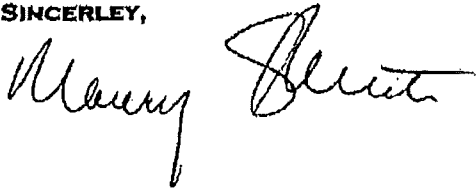
JULY 4, 2008

DEAR MR. RINGGOLD:

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LAURELON TERRACE ALTERNATIVE 7 EXPANSION PLAN. THIS PLAN ADDRESSES THE ISSUES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. I AM GLAD TO SEE THE COMMUNITY INVEST IN PROVIDING PEDIATRIC CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN. I AM AN INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN, AND I HAVE SEEN EVERY PATIENT WITH A NON-ROUTINE PEDIATRIC MEDICAL NEED REFERRED TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

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SINCERLEY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maury Skeith".

Shirley Skeith
317 37th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34017
Seattle, WA 98124-3014

July 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. Children's Hospital is a reputable organization with a long history of providing amazing care for children in our area and beyond. Its location next to the University of Washington is critical for research coordination. In order for the hospital to continue producing the sort of research they do year after year, the community needs to support their growth and provide them with the physical space to do that.

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The fear is that if they expand now, where does it stop? I appreciate that the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan has a long-term focus to meet the needs of the next 20 years.

Sincerely,

Shirley Skeith

July 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

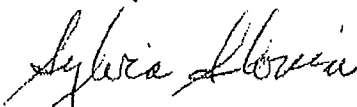
It is so important that you support the expansion of Children's Hospital. The homeowners of Laurelon Terrace favor the Alternative 7 expansion despite it meaning the loss of their home because they realize the hospital's necessity for more space.

As as volunteer I know how important this expansion is.

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I urge you to remember that we are not talking about expanding a typical business district and adding more commercial or retail space to a residential neighborhood. Do not lose sight of the fact that we are talking about creating more patient beds at a hospital for the most medically-needy children in our greater community. I can't think of a better use of space, and I hope you cannot either.

Thank you,



Sylvia Slonim
17011 NE 20th
Bellevue, WA 98008

July 10, 2008

Via regular Mail and e mail: scott.ringgold@seattle.gov

Scott Ringgold
CITY OF SEATTLE
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Re: Children's Hospital expansion
Support of Alternate #7

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have been provided your name and contact information from the group, Northeast Seattle Cares. The following letter is basically my personal and public *show of support* of Alternative #7 of the Children's Hospital onto the Laurelon Terrace property, adjacent to the west of the COH current campus.

As background, I am:

- An original Laurelon Terrace condo unit owner (a resident for many years; now own this as a rental property)
- Former Board member, treasurer, President of Laurelon Terrace HOA
- A former Laurelhurst resident (from birth to 19 years of age)
- Attended Laurelhurst Elementary, Eckstein Jr High School and Roosevelt High School
- Baptized at Saint Stephens Church
- A real estate executive, banking, investor, licensed agent
- Currently residing in Newcastle
- Employed in Seattle

I have followed closely, over the many years, the operation and expansion(s) of Children's Hospital. While at times COH's expansion was met with objections and disfavor, it may have been poorly received because of the piece meal approach and encroachment into our neighborhood (NIMBY !). Recently and currently, my impression is COH has a master plan, community *sensitive approach* to expansion and the current proposals take the community impact(s) and benefits into consideration. I assume if COH had an option to "start over" they would be situated along a suburban freeway corridor with a campus like setting. My assumption this would **not** be in Seattle. Being an "urban campus" setting as they current have, is workable with the right cooperation from COH, the community and the regulatory entities.

Northeast Seattle has lived with the UW and COH for many years and we take the *pain with the glory*...higher traffic impacts, congestion, etc...but also major employment, tax base revenues, diversification of community services and balanced and diverse cultures of residents and visitors. It is not all bad and the alternative, to have them leave and relocate, would do more harm than good.

Alternative #7 is a fix all for COH with a compressed campus, tighter facilities, ease of operation, economies of scale, better control, operational efficiencies, and a long term, possibly permanent, solution for a growing community partner that provides a very necessary service. Economics is a major point of support as the more efficient an institution is, the more services they can render to the community...*more bang for the buck*. Alternate #7 onto the Laurelon Terrace site, while somewhat disruptive to the residents, is the best Alternative and one I support fully and encourage the City of Seattle to do so likewise. The residents' disruption is being handled well with significant sensitivity and respect by COH as well as just compensation.

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I am a third generation Seattle-lite and third generation Laurelhurst resident and owner. I appreciate and have directly benefited from the services provided by COH and surely want this to continue in its present location and not scattered as could be an undesirable alternative. It is not my first choice to give up and sell a property that has served me well and my tenant(s) at very affordable rates...but, there are other options I have for my investment property...Children's Hospital has very few options and alternative and Alternative #7 is the most logical and practical.

Respectfully remitted,

David C. Smith

14807 SE 79th Place
Newcastle, WA 98109
Home: 425-917-1144
Work: 206-568-7806

Cc: Meghan Quint—Northeast Seattle Cares
(regular mail and e mail: neseattlecares@gmail.com)

June 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Dept of Planning & Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: A Volunteer Supporting Alternative 7

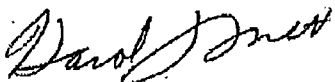
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have been a member of the Northeast Seattle community for many years and am a volunteer at Children's Hospital. I give my time to Children's Hospital because the collaborative team effort of the hospital is energizing and serves such a critical need of the community.

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Please support the hospital's expansion. Alternative 7 is the solution that is best for the hospital and best for the neighbors.

Thank you,



Cc: Mayor Greg Nickels; CAC

Harold J. Smith
7001 Sandpoint Way NE C309
Seattle, WA 98115

July 23, 2008

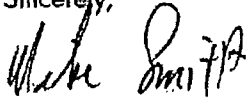
Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, Washington 98124 - 4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please support Alternative 7. An expansion is so important for Children's Hospital to continue operating in an environment that is comfortable for patients, families and staff.

I am a volunteer at Children's Hospital and know that the most important way for the hospital to spend their resources is on exemplary patient care. This mission is never lost by staff for a moment. Children's Hospital realizes that this is a critical time. They must focus attention on a growth strategy so they can continue to meet patients' needs. Please facilitate their efforts and approve Alternative 7.

Sincerely,



MIKE SMITH
PO BOX 1345
ANACORTES, WA 98221

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Nathan Smith
5844 NE 75th St. Apt. A201
Seattle, WA 98115-8117
June 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott Ringgold:

I am a 4 year resident of the NE Seattle community and recently just purchased my first home here based on what the surrounding community had to offer. I also work for a Seattle company that is rated in the top ten places to work in the state. So my life is pretty much centered on the NE Seattle area except for an occasional trip to Everett to visit my family.

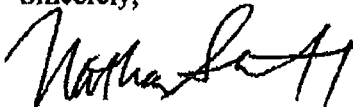
I understand that some in our community have voiced concern over the expansion of the Children's Hospital. I am writing to express my full support for the expansion. I grew up with multiple friends, and family that were all treated at Children's Hospital, and know the importance of having such a valuable resource in our area. I see the importance and need for growth that is vital to keeping this organization on the leading edge of the medical field.

I am supporting the community solution: Laurelon Terrace (Alternative 7) expansion plan, because it addresses the issues of traffic on residential streets, minimizes construction impacts on the hospital and neighbors, and preserves homeowner's views. With planning to raise a family in this community someday it is important to me to have such an outstanding Hospital and Medical Center in my community, but also for everyone in the state with medical needed for their children.

I urge you to please support the Expansion of Children's Hospital. It is a vital part of our committee. I urge you to spend a day there and see the miracles.

I am looking forward to your response and support.

Sincerely,



Nathan Smith

Scott Ringgold

VIA EMAIL

Department of Planning and Development

P.O. Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

I am a prior patient and current volunteer at Children's. I began coming to Children's when I was three (3) weeks old. I am now 28 years old.

My mom is typing this for me as I am unable to type. I will be signing this letter with my court authorized signature stamp.

Since I have been coming to Children's for 28 years, as a patient and as a volunteer, I can see first hand the need and the results. My prognosis was not very good, and yet I am here today because of the treatment and hope both my family and I received at Children's.

For that reason, I am asking that you please consider favorably Alternative Plan 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital onto the Laurelon Terrace property. Generally speaking, higher-rising buildings in a residential community tend to detract from the livability of the area. The fact that this plan is expected to provide facilities for the next twenty years is a desirable feature.

I trust that you will consider favorably replacement of the homes that are lost in the lower/middle class range as these are still greatly needed. But it seems to me to be paramount to provide for the well-being of the children of the area.

R. Smith

Russell C. Smith

Former patient and current volunteer

July 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to express to you the importance of your support for Alternative 7. I volunteer at Children's Hospital and I feel very strongly about the importance of their work in the Seattle area.

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Alternative 7 is an expansion plan that will create enough beds for the next 20 years of patients. I ask that you think of the patients in those beds, and consider where they will go if Alternative 7 does not proceed.

Thank you,



Sandra L. Smith

Decatur Island

Anacortes, WA 98221

Karen L. Sorensen
231 Ne 94th Street
Seattle, WA 98115

June 28, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have been a northeast Seattle resident for almost 20 years. I travel through the Sand Point area regularly for my work. I also visit my sister who is a physician and lives in Laurelhurst. She has been very supportive of Children's mission and expansion.

My brother's daughter was airlifted and treated at Children's after an accident in Aberdeen, WA several years ago. Our family was very grateful for the attention she received and the availability of excellent pediatric care.

My son also had a visit to Children's after a fall. After a call to my sister, she told me to meet her at Children's. It is a relief to have this facility so close, knowing that if he my son ever needs care again, the best care is a few miles from home. The worldclass care that is offered is really a huge asset to our region, not just to Seattle residents.

I receive mailings regarding the expansion plans and have followed the careful and thoughtful planning that has gone into this project. I am very much in support of Children's plans and the manner in which they are moving forward.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Karen Sorensen

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Elaine L. Spencer
1419 Madrona Drive
Seattle, WA 98122

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Attn: Scott Ringgold
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

Re: Children's Hospital Expansion

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

The purpose of this letter is to express my unqualified support for the Children's Hospital expansion, and to urge DPD to do everything in its power to expedite approval of the Children's Master Plan revision so that construction of needed additional space can occur when it is needed.

Children's has gone through an extensive and exhaustive process to address concerns of the neighborhood and the city generally. They have set the gold standard for traffic mitigation. They have acquired additional property to allow the expansion to have as little impact on the surrounding neighborhood as conceivably possible. It is undoubtedly the case that there will be some remaining impact. Nothing is ever completely without impact. But this region clearly needs Children's to be expanded. It is not going to move, any more than a decade of study caused Sea Tac Airport to move in the 1990s. What is essential, however, is that Children's not be put through what Sea Tac experienced with construction of its third runway — where the public process was allowed to drag on for so many years that the costs had doubled by the time the runway could be built.

We are all very lucky to have Children's Hospital and the doctors and nurses and scientists who work there. It is good for our community on many levels. We owe it the stewardship of allowing it to move forward to serve the future needs of the community without further delay.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,



cc: Members of the City Council

<pamstahl@comcast.net 7/24/2008 5:53 PM

Dear Mr Ringgold:

I am writing to you to express my support for the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. This hospital is a dependable part of the regional medical system, but it is currently at capacity and needs more space. Alternative 7 is an excellent way for the city to allow for an expanded hospital with minimal impact on surrounding neighbors.

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Please support Alternative 7.

Thanks,
Pam Stahl
8212 SE 26th St
Mercer Island, WA 98040

<pamstahl@comcast.net 7/24/2008 5:55 PM

Mr. Scott Ringgold:

Please support Alternative 7. I understand that Children's Hospital is in need of more room to provide hospital beds for their patients. Children's Hospital has been serving one of the most important needs of the community for many years. However, they will not be able to keep up with the growing demand without more space. Alternative 7 is a great expansion option because it will give Children's Hospital the space they need for the next 20 years. Thank you for your hard work on this project.

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Sincerely,

Sid Stahl
8212 SE 26th St
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Barbara Stapleton <barbistapleton@mac.com 7/16/2008 9:14 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to express my support for Children's Hospital's growth plan to meet the needs of critically and chronically ill children in Seattle and the Northwest. As Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington and director of pediatrics at Children's Hospital, I have witnessed first hand the incredible value this institution brings to our community, the compassion and humanism it brings to families of our patients and also the commitment of the Hospital to being a good neighbor. Having been a leader at two other children's hospitals prior to coming to Seattle, I have been astounded by the extraordinary efforts made by Children's to encourage green practices and alternative forms of transportation. The community that spurns growth has never recognized these efforts.

Providing the best care for complex pediatric conditions can only be done in a tertiary care institution that attracts the best physicians and nurses. Seattle is blessed with one of the best such pediatric hospitals in the nation. As the need for increasingly complex care increases and the population grows, we must allow Children's to expand as well. Dividing or preventing Children's care will diminish the outcomes of the treatments we provide.

One of the other aspects of our mission that is seldom mentioned is that Children's provides the pediatric education for the region's future pediatricians, family physicians and pediatric nurses. Allowing Children's to develop the badly needed capacity to care for our patients will also allow us to continue our educational efforts at the same time.

Thank you for considering my support among the many friends of Children's Hospital and supporters of our region's children.

Sincerely,
F. Bruder Stapleton, MD
Professor and Chair
Ford/Morgan Endowed Chair of Pediatrics
University of Washington School of Medicine

Chief Academic Officer
Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

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Eric Steever
2919 NE 53rd St.
Seattle, WA 98105

June 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have been a member of the Northeast Seattle community for the last 5 years and was a recent graduate of the University of Washington. Recently, I have had frequent interactions with Children's Hospital employees and patients. I greatly appreciate the efforts of these employees and I believe the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative 7) expansion plan is of utmost importance.

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I strongly support this expansion plan and think it is in the best interest of Seattle and its residents. The positive impacts definitely outweigh the few minor negative impacts that will be produced as a result of this expansion. This plan will be extremely beneficial to the community and it is necessary for Children's Hospital's presence to be increased in the area.

Sincerely,



<<<Diane C. Stein, M.D." <steins@u.washington.edu 7/1/2008 5:54 AM

I am a longtime resident of Northeast Seattle (Battelle Apartments 1971-5; View Ridge homeowner 1975-present) and an attending physician at Children's (Courtesy Staff, Child Psychiatry Clinical Professor). My husband and I have lived and worked in the University District and in private practice at the Hawthorne Hills Professional Bldg. for 30+ years, and our daughter attended View Ridge Elementary School. I still practice child and adolescent psychiatry part time at Hawthorne Hills.

I am keenly aware of the multiple impacts an expansion project of this nature can have on surrounding neighborhoods and the city and region as a whole. But I am also motivated to write to you in your role with the City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development because of my specific knowledge of the needs for expanded multidisciplinary services at CHMC, one of the country's premier children's medical facilities.

I have studied the Laurelon Terrace Expansion Plan, as well as the concerns of the neighborhood most immediately affected by the proposed expansion. I believe the Laurelon plan does embody solutions to the most worrisome issues raised by neighbors, while allowing this farsighted project to proceed.

Thank you for your attention.

Diane Stein, M.D.
Clinical Professor Emeritus
University of Washington Medical School

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Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
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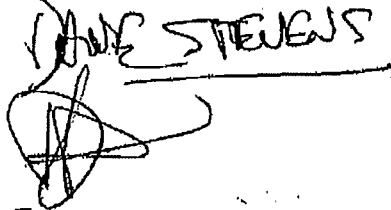
RE: Supporting the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have been a volunteer at Children's Hospital for a long time and have witnessed the miraculous work being performed here every day. I support the expansion of the hospital because I see that there are not enough patient beds to meet the needs of the patients. Children's Hospital provides unique pediatric services and offers a family-centered approach that cannot be found at any hospital. Children require special attention, and Children's Hospital understands the importance of treating the patient and the family.

Please support the Alternative 7 expansion of the hospital. The hospital must expand without further delay, and the Laurelon Terrace site provides enough space for the hospital to build patient beds for the next 20 years without exceeding current building elevations. This truly is the best solution.

Sincerely,

The signature is handwritten in black ink. It consists of a stylized first name 'DAVE' followed by the last name 'STEVENS' in all caps. Below the signature is a large, loopy circular flourish.

Dave Stevens

9707 35th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115
206.526.8633

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Dale Stirn
235 Broadway
Tacoma, WA 98402

July 4, 2008

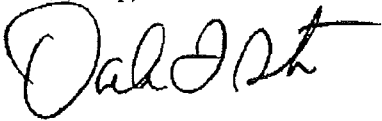
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I am a building contractor, so I realize community issues as they relate to development. This plan addresses the concerns of the neighborhood. Traffic on residential streets is minimized. The building heights will not exceed current elevations. Hospital access points stay on the main streets.

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Children's Hospital has designed a plan that will meet their needs and the needs of the community.

Sincerely,



July 24, 2008

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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

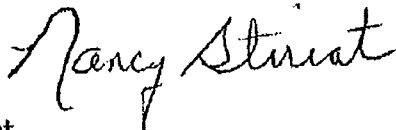
Dear Mr Ringgold:

I am asking you to support alternative 7 because finally the hospital and the city have found an expansion option that works for the entire community.

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I am a strong supporter of the hospital, but I am glad that a plan has been found that considers the impacts of an expanded hospital on the neighbors.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Stirrat". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Nancy Stirrat
1792 Bellevue Way NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

July 23, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Seattle Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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RE: Support for Seattle Children's Hospital expansion plans

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a member of the Northeast Seattle business community, I strongly support the expansion plans for Seattle Children's Hospital in Laurelhurst.

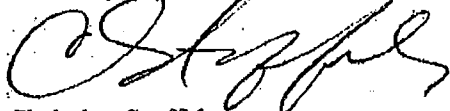
Children's Hospital is a central component of our regional economy with a life-saving mission. It's a priceless asset to have some of the best pediatric specialty care and research in the world right here in our back yard. As a community leader and mother of two young children, I am ever grateful that I live in such a fantastic place as Seattle with such amazing healthcare facilities. It is reassuring to know that this premier institution is in my own backyard.

The staff and board of Children's have always worked diligently within the community to ensure the input from all affected by the expansion needs due to the numbers of children and families they serve. I personally have been part of their efforts to create community awareness and buy in. This new phase of growth is no exception. Countless hours have been spent in community focus groups in order to ensure all voices are heard and expansion efforts serve and satisfy the majority's needs and desires.

It is imperative that Children's Hospital is allowed to grow. The hospital is at capacity and Children's needs to expand in order to continue to meet the growing need for specialized pediatric care in our region. Through expansion, Children's can provide a world-class inpatient facility in one synergistic location where critically and terminally ill children can receive comprehensive care from teams of highly skilled physicians, nurses, and supporting staff.

I believe that Alternative 7 provides the best opportunity to preserve the character of the surrounding neighborhood while meeting the hospital's critical need for space. I urge you to support Children's Hospital's plans for expansion.

Sincerely,



Christine Stoffels

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Tyler Stone
4616 22nd Ave NE Apt K
Seattle, WA 98105

July 6, 2008

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold,

I realize that you have an important decision to make on July 11th regarding the expansion of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. I urge you to support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan. This plan offers the community the medical facilities they need with minimal impact on immediately surrounding neighbors.

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Thank you,



Reagan Sutton
4312 Evanston Avenue North
Apartment B
Seattle, WA 98103

June 30, 2008

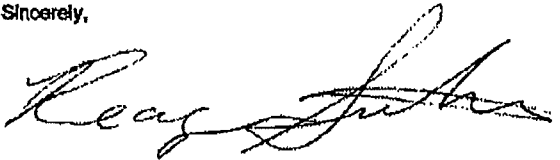
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I have always lived in the Greater Seattle, and I came to realize the strong presence of Children's Hospital in my community as my friends and I began searching for jobs.

I work in a physical therapy office in Northeast Seattle, and one of my friends works at the physical therapy pool at Children's Hospital. I think the pool therapy is an exciting alternative to conventional medical treatment for children. Children's Hospital is the type of organization I look for in an employer because of their creative approach to treating patients.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan support Children's Hospital's alternative treatment methods by providing hospital patients with more healing gardens where they can play with their families. This plan is a progressive approach to pediatric medical care and research for the next 20 years. It is an important step to allowing Children's Hospital to provide for the needs of our community's children.

Sincerely,



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July 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
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Re: Children's Hospital Master Plan

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

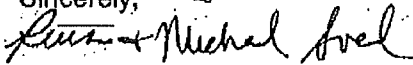
The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the expansion plan of Children's Hospital and Medical Center.

We attended a community meeting in May at which we were presented with several scenarios for the hospital's growth. The one most of us favored was called Alternative 7, involving the purchase of property known as Laurelon Terrace. We were very impressed with the advantages of this plan and the effort being made to have the least negative impact on the surrounding community. The hospital appears to be taking into account a number of important areas of impact: traffic, views, and energy efficiency. It has also considered the population affected by the changes, namely the patients and their families, hospital staff, and neighbors. The pacing of the expansion seems to be such that the hospital will not grow too large too quickly. We believe the master plan it has developed should be implemented.

Children's Hospital provides priceless care and support to children with severe medical conditions. The need to expand is clear to us. We hope you see it our way.

Thanks for giving this matter your thoughtful and careful consideration.

Sincerely,



Ruth and Michael Sved

cc: Mayor Greg Nickels

Citizens Advisory Committee Members, c/o Steve Sheppard

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

4 July, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am a Registered Nurse of many years, many of them previously at the University of Washington. I have also worked in Switzerland, where I cared for children undergoing open heart surgery.

As a resident of Seattle for 30 years, I have followed medical matters over time, including the development of Children's Hospital. Initially, I have to admit that I did not find their original expansion plan to be very responsive to the neighbourhood for most of the reasons the nearby population opposed it. I am all for growth and expansion but responsibly so. In addition, with Seattle's expanding population rate, there is definitely a need for Children's to expand.

They are centrally located, which meets the needs of many jurisdictions, and the expansion encompasses their services more efficiently than building identical departments elsewhere.

I have been very impressed at the willingness of Children's to work with these concerns and the resulting Laurelon Terrace Expansion plan. This plan more than addresses the various concerns in my opinion.

To summarize, I think Alternative 7 is an excellent compromise and should be adopted.

Sincerely,

Catharine Talbot-Lawson, RN
11625 4th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206-246-9529)

Catharine Talbot-Lawson

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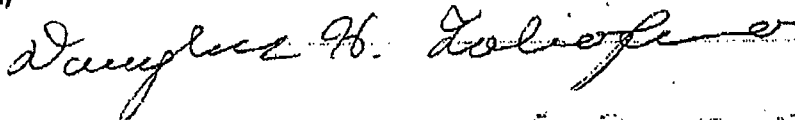
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I urge you to support Alternative 7. I have been following the progress of the expansion project for a long time now. As a resident of Northeast Seattle, I have two predominant concerns:

1. The hospital be approved an expansion so they no longer exist in a facility that is over-capacity.
2. The expansion plan provides enough space to meet the needs of the hospital for the next 20 years, so that the community does not face this same demand/capacity issue in the near future.

Please support Alternative 7. An expansion must occur so that Children's Hospital can continue to serve the community's children.

Thank you,



Douglas H. Taliafeuro
8633 46th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

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Blank8449 Ferncliff NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

July 9, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to ask your support for the seventh Alternative option for the expansion of Children's Hospital. Though I live on Bainbridge Island, I've worked in the aging field for over thirty years, including 14 years writing a column on aging in The Seattle Times. One of the problems I foresee in our future — as 80 million boomers get old — is the severe lack of health and educational services for the young. Now is when we must carve out an infrastructure that will protect children over the next fifty years. 1

I have been following the process of the Children's Hospital expansion and am elated to hear that the City of Seattle and Children's Hospital have finally found a solution to the hospital's needs and the community's concerns. Please support Alternative 7.

Thank you.
Liz Taylor

July 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
City of Seattle
Department of Development and Planning
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

CC: Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital

RE: SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE 7

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have lived in Northeast Seattle for many years and am writing you to voice my support for the expansion of Children's Hospital according to Alternative 7.

This expansion plan not only meets the growth needs of the hospital, but also accommodates the needs of the neighbors. Hospital access points are maintained on Sand Point Way, and the views of neighboring homeowners are preserved. Construction impacts on residential neighbors are minimized with the new structures being built to the West of the existing hospital, and building heights remain their current elevation level. I applaud the city and Children's Hospital for working so hard to find an all-around winning solution for the hospital and the neighbors.

Yours truly,



Mimi Tennyson
7227 26th N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

"Michelle Terry" <wmterry@msn.com 7/25/2008 11:11 AM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am a member of the Department of Pediatrics at the University Of Washington School Of Medicine and a Pediatric Hospitalist at the Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. Having practiced General Pediatrics in the Greater Seattle area for the last 16 years, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the future expansion plans on the main campus of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

Children's Hospital provides exceptional, specialized medical care for all the children in our region without taking into account their parents' ability to pay for the services and care. This commitment alone, given the difficult landscape of health care financing and reimbursement, reflects the hospital's truly remarkable mission and dedication to purpose. Ranked amongst the top 10 children's hospitals nationally, the hospital's recognition is a tribute to its goal of providing compassionate care based on scientifically proven research.

As an African-American, I am also proud of Children's Hospital's efforts to better serve communities in our region by providing full time patient-interpreter services and endorsing culturally relevant patient-navigation tools. By supporting hiring practices that reflect the increasingly diverse population of our growing Puget Sound Region, excellent employment opportunities are made available for our citizens, and young children realize that careers in the health professions are also possible for them when they grow up.

It is exactly because of this growth in the region, that Children's needs to expand. The hospital is often at capacity, taking care of and curing the smallest and sickest of patients who come to us from all over the city and all over the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) region. No other hospital in the WWAMI region has the breadth and depth of expertise and quality of outcomes to even approach the mission of Children's in its scope and service.

I consider myself a children's advocate, because it is my professional responsibility to "speak up" for children in order that their voices and concerns are heard. Access to health care is essential to the growth and development for all children. Allowing Children's Hospital to expand will provide the access that our smallest citizens deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Michelle Terry, MD
1816 4th Ave N
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John S. Teutsch
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Seattle, Washington 98112

June 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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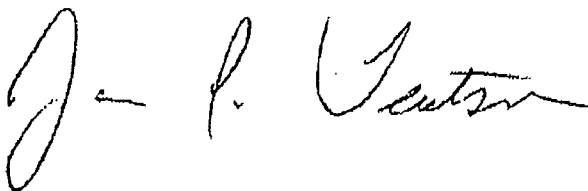
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I'm writing you concerning Children's Hospital's proposed expansion plan. I have lived at my current address on Capitol Hill, since 1981, and I have enjoyed the benefits of having Children's Hospital in our community through the wonderful work they have rendered for my children as well as for thousands of other children. As a Northeast Seattle resident, I appreciate having world class pediatric medical care accessible to my family and community.

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I strongly support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan because I feel it best serves the hospital and the neighborhood residents. This plan is sensitive to the needs of the community, and the expansion of this institution is important to our community. It is important that Children's Hospital is able to continually evolve to the needs of community.

Sincerely,



June 18, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

We are writing to urge your support of Alternative 7 as proposed in Children's Hospital's draft Major Institution Master Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, which will allow for the staged, responsible expansion of Children's Hospital's facilities over the next 15 to 20 years.

The hospital's expansion is vital to enabling it to *continue* to provide *comprehensive*, world-class medical care, in one location, to critically and terminally ill children in the region. No child should be turned away for lack of beds. Yet, in the past months, the hospital could not accommodate several children needing admission to the intensive care unit. Seattle Children's has reached capacity. The hospital expects to need an additional 500 to 600 beds in the coming 15 to 20 years, primarily due to the increase in numbers of chronically ill children, who are living longer than ever before. The proposals before you will make this expansion possible.

In developing the Master Plan, Children's has worked with the Northeast Seattle community to meet the hospital's needs while maintaining the character of the neighborhood. Recently the hospital had the opportunity to purchase the Laurelon Terrace site, adjacent to the hospital campus, and, with the Citizens Advisory Committee, has developed what is known as Alternative 7 – Early Laurelon Development. Alternative 7 provides a more compact design than the original proposal, lowering building heights from 240 feet to 160 feet; eliminating vehicle access points on NE 45th and NE 50th, providing a transit hub near 40th Street and Sandpoint Way, and orienting the new development away from the residential neighborhood. Alternative 7 offers a very viable option that addresses the needs of all stakeholders

As residents of the Seattle area, we are extremely fortunate to have Children's Hospital in our region. Indeed, according to *U.S. News and World Report*, Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center ranked at the *top* of any children's hospital on the West Coast. When a family comes to Children's with a critically ill child, they will have access to a complete array of pediatric specialists, family support services and follow-up care in satellite clinics closer to home. The 500 Children's Hospital guilds and hundreds of hospital volunteers are evidence of the value Seattle and the wider community place on Children's hospital. We urge the city of Seattle to do its part as well: *Please*, give your approval to Alternative 7 of the draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Arthur Besidel	22975 21st Avenue Rd	Issaquah	
Name	Address	City	

C: Mr. Michael Jenkins, Seattle City Council Central Staff
Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for
Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

July 23, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have been a NE Seattle resident for many years and volunteer at Children's Hospital. I urge you to support the expansion project of Children's according to Alternative 7.

The hospital needs beds and an expansion project is a long and costly endeavor. Children's should not have to distract additional resources from their core mission of serving the community's pediatric patients to do this again in the near future. For that reason, I urge you to approve the Alternative 7 plan that provides space to meet projected demand for 20 years.

Thank you,



Janet Thompson
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Seattle, WA
98115

Mary Timberlake

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Seattle, WA 98105

Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

July 3, 2008

RE: Supporting the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

My husband and I both grew up in Laurelhurst, where we now live with our three children. I am a nurse, and my husband is a dentist. As health care professionals and parents, we appreciate the services that Children's Hospital provides our community. However, we value the quiet, residential nature of our neighborhood. Because we realize that an expansion of Children's Hospital is inevitable, we strongly support an expansion plan that is most considerate of the residential neighbors of Laurelhurst. For this reason, I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

I appreciate that this expansion plan will minimize the traffic on residential streets by keeping access to the hospital on the West side of the hospital campus. I am also grateful for a plan that will minimize the impact of construction noise, traffic, and dirt by moving construction away from residential neighbors. But perhaps the most appealing aspect of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan to me is that it is a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the hospital for the next twenty years. One of my only concerns with having a hospital as effective and reputable as Children's Hospital for a neighbor is that it will continually expand until it has completely absorbed the small, pocket neighborhood that is Laurelhurst. I am glad to know that with the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan, I will not be facing another expansion in five or ten years.

Thank you for considering the concerns of the Laurelhurst neighbors in this important decision.

Sincerely,

Mary Timberlake

"Greg Toledo" <gwtoledo@gmail.com 6/27/2008 7:30 AM

June 26, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing you in support of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. After following the news and conversing with neighbors about the inevitable expansion of Children's Hospital, I am happy to learn that Children's Hospital and the neighboring communities have found a solution that is mutually agreeable. After years of listening to the concerns of the Seattle community, Children's Hospital was able to minimize the expansion impacts of traffic, construction noise, and view impairments.

Children's Hospital is a valuable neighbor of our community that has saved countless young lives. The pediatric research and medical care that Children's Hospital provides is truly world-class. I am proud to call Children's Hospital a neighbor, and I am glad to see Children's Hospital continually invest in their presence in my community.

Sincerely,
Greg Toledo

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July 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

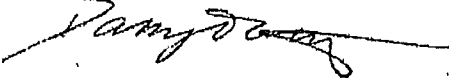
Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I strongly support the expansion of Children's Hospital, but specifically I think the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan is the best option. Children's Hospital is so valuable to this community, and it is unfair that they are being forced to operate over capacity. The demands of the community exceed the ability of the current facility. Alternative 7 allows an expansion onto the Laurelon Terrace site in a way that preserves neighborhood views and provides a buffer between the hospital and residential properties.

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Please support the Alternative 7 plan.

Sincerely,



Danny Tonty

1133 Center Road
Everett, WA 98204

"Adam J. Tratt" <adamt@tratt.com 7/10/2008 11:43 AM

Adam Tratt
6633 NE Windermere Rd.
Seattle, WA 98115

July 9, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am a father, business owner, and proud taxpayer writing in support of Children's Hospital Alternative 7 now under consideration by the city. As a home/business owner located in the Windermere neighborhood in Northeast Seattle, I drive up and down Sandpoint Way to and from various family and work obligations at throughout the day and night. I also ride my bike and walk the Burke Gillman Trail past Children's Hospital as weather permits.

First and foremost, I appreciate the world-class care that is available through Children's Hospital. I personally feel that having the best medical care for kids is one of the hallmarks of a great city and should be a top priority. I also appreciate Children's current location for its proximity to UW research/staff and the benefits of efficiency in having the best caregivers concentrated geographically. As a dad, I like that a internationally renowned pediatric facility is right down the street from my house.

I have been following the vocal minority's opposition to Children's expansion and feel that the Laurelon Terrace proposal is an excellent response to complaints about building height, traffic concerns, and construction impact on the neighborhood. Moreover, the plan allows Children's to keep its home in NE Seattle, reduces the impact of the expansion on the patients and families relying on the existing facility for care. I am especially impressed with the work Children's is doing to develop a new transit hub and their groundbreaking work to encourage workers to use alternative transportation to and from the hospital.

As Seattle grows it is important for all of us as citizens to support the infrastructure that needs to grow along with our population. As a neighbor of Children's I feel that they have bent over backwards to address concerns from the community. It's time for us to get behind this latest and best proposal for their growth so that we can enjoy the excellent care that Children's Hospital provides for our community and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Adam Tratt
206 669 9761

Mark Trutanich
12202 Corliss Ave North
Seattle, WA 98133

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

June 30, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I grew up in Bellingham, but have lived in the Seattle area since 1997. Because I appreciate children as the next generation of community leaders, I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

This expansion plan takes into consideration the most important concerns of the surrounding neighbors, especially traffic, noise and views. I was glad to learn that the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan of Children's Hospital will add a brand new transit hub to the Northeast Seattle community.

I value the character of this area, and the unique personality of each neighborhood in Seattle. For that reason, I appreciate that Children's Hospital realizes its importance as a community member of the Northeast Seattle neighborhoods and that it continually strives to better the area.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Scott Ringgold
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019

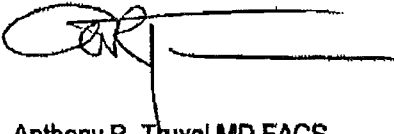
Dear Mr. Ringgold

This is a letter in support of the proposed expansion of Children's Hospital. I am a physician who practices in the south Puget Sound. Children's Hospital has always been my premiere referral center for complicated pediatric disease. I am concerned that any impedence that this project experiences will negatively impact the pediatric health care for the entire South Sound.

I have travelled the area of the proposed expansion frequently as my son lives with his mother in Laurelhurst and has attended Villa Academy for the last five years. The current plan calls for low impact building on the west side of the existing complex which will not negatively effect traffic in the neighborhood. Nor will it negatively effect property values by obstructing views of Lake Washington.

The growth of this critical institution is an invaluable addition to the University of Washington Medical Center referral services which has always been essential in drawing patients from the entire northwest. Please give every consideration to this all important project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AR' followed by a horizontal line, positioned above the printed name.

Anthony R. Thuxal MD FACS

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Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold,

I would like to promote Children's Hospital expansion plans for the greater good of the community. I am a registered nurse and believe that the pediatric community is underserved due to lack of staff and facilities. The current development plan appears to meet both the surrounding neighborhoods and professional community. The baby boomers children are many and this generation is in great need of advanced care and state of the art technology. Many children served at a pediatric facility of this caliber are very ill and cannot be served by others. As an adult oriented operating room nurse it is very apparent that pediatric care is very different from that of adult care. We need to invest in our next generation. They need to have committed and dedicated individuals serving their health needs. They will be our future leaders in our community. I know of families and friends whose children have benefitted from the dedicated staff and services where they could not have gone any where else.

Children's Hospital is a regional source of pediatric health care and needs this expansion to continue to be the leaders. Let's keep the experts here in Seattle because if they cannot practice medicine and nursing to its fullest they will be forced to go elsewhere and it may not be here in this great city. Let's look to the future and do what is right for the pediatric patients and their families. In doing this we also support our referring doctors and nurses by allowing them to be able to help those vulnerable populations.

Thank you for your support of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan!

Lynnette Truxal

Lynnette Truxal
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Lakewood, WA 98498
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July 1, 2008

Felicia F. Tsao
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Scott Ringgold (via e-mail scott.ringgold@seattle.gov)
Department of Planning and Development
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**RE: Seattle Children's Hospital
Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

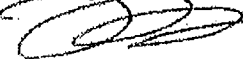
As a party who is very interested in Children's Hospital, I wanted to let you know why I support Children's Hospital's plan for a much needed expansion and Alternative 7.

My son was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy approximately 15 years ago. Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a neuromuscular disease that claims the lives of countless infants. I am one of the lucky ones.... My son, Michael, was diagnosed with a milder form of a devastating disease and he will be entering the senior class at Eastside Catholic High School this coming year. I can tell you first hand that Children's Hospital has provided our family with outstanding care at the time of diagnosis and this care has continued over the years. Children's has been able to provide us with the much needed medical treatment and emotional support that a family needs when living with this type of disease. Over the years, we have seen first hand how important it is to have a world class facility close to our home. The type of care that is made available requires the ability to expand to meet the needs of our community. After reviewing Alternative 7, I see that this will allow the hospital to expand while continuing uninterrupted operations, which is extremely important to all patients, including my son. Without a larger facility, families like ours may be forced to seek medical care at other medical centers that do not have the experience and expertise in treating diseases like spinal muscular atrophy or wait for prolonged periods to be able to see their doctors and nurses.

In addition to our experience, Michael and I now volunteer at the hospital to give back something to an organization that has given so much to us. While acting in our volunteer capacity, we see so many children receive the best treatments possible. Allowing expansion and Alternative 7, will insure that the medical center continues to provide quality care to all those children who need it and deserve it.

We here in the Pacific Northwest have so many wonderful things in our community, from businesses to natural resources. Supporting Children's Hospital and its need to expand will allow Seattle to have a world class facility for those in need. Not only will this benefit the children of our area, but with expansion will come employment opportunities to boost our economy.

Sincerely,



Felicia Tsao

cc. Michael Jenkins, via e-mail: Michael.Jenkins@seattle.gov
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o
Steve Sheppard via e-mail: Steve.Sheppard@seattle.gov

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Josh Tufts <josht@waggeneredstrom.com 7/24/2008 7:51 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I wanted to take a few minutes today to share my support of the Children's Hospital Expansion. I grew up in Seattle, went to the University of Washington, work in the area, and currently live in the Greenlake neighborhood with my family. We love this city and all it has to offer, and chose to live in an urban setting because of this. Both of my children have been well cared for, several times, by Children's Hospital doctors and we are grateful to them in many ways.

We have attended classes at the hospital, often go to fundraising events to support their uncompensated care efforts, and have helped feed families at the Ronald McDonald House on and off for the past few years. We take care of them because they take care of us. How very lucky we are to have an institution of this stature in our backyard! The peace of mind it affords, should we ever need their services again, is priceless.

I have been impressed with their mission to provide healthcare for any child, regardless of their family's ability to pay, and am happy to know that we have some of the best specialists and subspecialists in the nation. It is hard to imagine that they are at capacity now and will need to continue to turn children away in the future if not allowed them to add beds soon. I believe that Alternative 7, building on the Laurelon Terrace property, provides the best option for the neighborhood, for the hospital and for the patients and families who need their care.

We need to allow them the space and capacity to continue to provide a world-class inpatient facility in one synergistic location, where critically and terminally ill children can receive comprehensive care from teams of highly skilled physicians, nurses and support staff.

I urge you to support them in their mission to serve the needs of kids in our region.

Kindly,
Joshua Tufts
2110 N. 77th Street
Seattle, WA 98103

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Alison Urback
4515 51st Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98105

July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I moved directly behind Children's Hospital in Laurelhurst eight years ago after enjoying four years in Laurelon Terrace. It was important for me to stay in the community and enjoyed keeping my units in Laurelon for future use by my parents, who are currently residing there.

Though I sold my two units in the Laurelon Terrace Condominiums, my parents are able to enjoy being close to me while they are waiting for their retirement home to be completed.

I strongly support the Alternative 7 expansion plan as a neighbor of the hospital because this option makes the most sense. As a real estate agent, the value I realized for my condominium units far exceeded my lifestyle and investment expectations. The sale of the units gave me a windfall that allows me to not have to worry about health or retirement issues in the future.

Please support the Alternative 7 plan.

Sincerely,



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Rick VanAuken
17520 SE 60th
Bellevue, WA 98006

July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
City of Seattle
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. As a past owner of a Laurelon Terrace condominium, I think this is the best option for the community. I understand that some of the neighbors of Children's Hospital are apprehensive of an expansion. However, the benefits to the community far outweigh the downsides.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick D. VanAuken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

"Christopher VanDerhoef" <christopher.vanderhoef@gmail.com 7/24/
2008
2:28 AM

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have been following the expansion plans of Children's Hospital closely in the news for a long time now. I grew up in Laurelhurst, and after many years away at college, am finally returning home. I cherish the community neighborhoods that Seattle offers, and cannot think of a better place to live. Because I resist over-building and further development of this neighborhood I call home, I am glad to hear that Children's Hospital has found a community solution to its expansion needs.

The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan responds to community concerns about traffic, construction noise, and view impairment. The vertical expansion plan that involved putting towers on top of the existing hospital footprint did not align with community interests. Instead of pushing forward with this plan, Children's Hospital invested the time and energy to search for an alternative plan. The lateral expansion enabled by the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 design is much more agreeable with the character of the neighborhood and minimizes expansion impacts on neighbors.

Children's Hospital's is a valuable presence in Laurelhurst, and I support its expansion in my neighborhood. Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Regards,
Christopher VanDerhoef
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Seattle, WA 98105

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2821 2nd Avenue, Unit 2102
Seattle, WA 98121
Jun2 20, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to urge your approval of Alternative 7 as proposed in the Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center's draft Major Institution Master Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Alternative 7 represents a very viable option for a number of reasons:

- It allows the hospital to meet its urgent expansion needs while remaining in the same location, consolidating services in one central facility.
- It provides a more compact, low-profile design than the original proposal.
- It orients the new development away from the residential neighborhood.

The need for additional beds and the reasons for this need have been documented in the hospital's planning process, as have the economic and medical advantages of having one central facility providing comprehensive, integrated services.

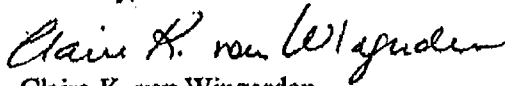
I would like to add that, through my fund-raising and volunteer activities for the hospital, I have come to understand the importance of expanding the hospital in its current location. The hospital campus -- in a mixed urban-residential setting, away from the noise and density of the downtown -- is restful and appealing and offers easy walking access to Ronald McDonald House for children and families. The facilities themselves, as one mother put it, look more like a children's theme park than a medical institution. Both children and their parents comment on the sense of community they gain in this setting and have remarked on how valuable this is to them. The patients -- many of them children fighting cancer, undergoing organ transplants, receiving dialysis, or coping with congenital illness and multiple hospitalizations -- deserve the optimum environment in which to battle their illnesses.

We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding, comprehensive pediatric medical facility in our community -- one which has been ranked at the top on the West Coast.

Please, give your support to Alternative 7 and ensure that the critically ill children in our city, state and surrounding states will continue to benefit from the best in medical care.

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Sincerely,



Claire K. van Wingerden

C: Mr. Michael Jenkins, Seattle City Council Central Staff
Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

Marcel <oranjeguy@yahoo.com 6/26/2008 10:47 AM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing in support of the Draft EIS report favoring alternative 7 (Lauralon Terrace option). Having attended numerous CAC meetings I have appreciated your input and work as well as those of Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital Medical Center has made a compelling case for this needed expansion. As you know from these CAC meetings Children's Hospital is trying to meet the needs of an entire region, and I am proud to call them 'my neighbor.' I appreciate their commitment to children's health care as demonstrated by their funding of un- and under compensated care. (\$65 million!)

Let's face it. They are at capacity. They're crowded, and at times over crowded. There's obviously a need. From attending the CAC meetings I'm struck by how compromising CHMC is. They've met the neighborhood's concerns and beyond. I believe an improved CHMC is an improved Lauralhursht/Bryant/Hawthorne Hills neighborhood.

CHMC is committed not only to the health of those weakest in our community, but to their neighbors as well. As you know, CHMC has offered plans to mitigate height, save views, improve buffers, improve traffic flow, design with transit in mind.

Personally I'm more concerned with the expected expansion of University Village Shopping Center than I am with Children's hospital.

Thank you for your work on the CAC, and I hope you will support Alternative 7.

Sincerely,
Marcel & Charlotte van Zuylen

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"Vickers, Clinton" <clinton.vickers@seattlechildrens.org 7/7/2008
12:24 PM

Children's is at Capacity and Needs to Grow.

Children's does not have enough room to treat all of the patients that need the hospital's specialized services. Over the past year, Children's has consistently been operating between 75 and 98 percent occupancy, straining the whole system and leaving our children vulnerable to potential threats.

More Chronically Ill Children are Surviving and Thriving. Thanks to advances in pediatric medicine over the past 20 years, more children with serious, chronic illnesses, such as congenital heart disease, cystic fibrosis or epilepsy, are living to become adults.

Seattle Children's is a Cherished Resource for our Region and One of the Nation's Top Pediatric Specialty Hospitals. In order to continue to support and attract the broadest range of pediatric specialists, Children's must grow to be able to accommodate demand and meet the needs of children in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska (the WAMI region).

Single-Patient Rooms Stop the Spread of Infection and Insure Privacy. Imagine having a very sick child; now imagine having to care for your child in a hospital room you share with another family. Not only is your child at greater risk of infection, your need for privacy is severely compromised. On any given day, Children's could have 50 of their 250 patient rooms with children doubled up, sharing a room.

In order to meet the growing demand for pediatric care in our region, Children's expects to need an additional 250 to 300 beds in the next 15 to 20 years, 180 of these beds are needed in the next five years.

The expanded hospital would provide for the needs of the increasing number of chronically ill children, who are living longer than ever before and consequently requiring more of the kind of high-intensity care only available at Children's. Additionally, it would create more single-patient rooms, which afford children and their family's privacy while helping stop the spread of infectious disease - a real threat to children with already compromised immune systems. Children's ultimate goal is to continue to provide a world-class inpatient facility in one synergistic location, where critically and terminally ill children can receive comprehensive care from teams of highly skilled physicians, nurses and supporting staff.

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Benefits of Alternative 7:

- * Leaves the existing hospital intact during construction, which will ease the burden on patients, families and hospital staff.
- * Substantially lowers the heights of the buildings from 240 feet to 160 feet and takes advantage of the existing slope of the Laurelon Terrace property.
- * Eliminates the need for vehicle access points on NE 45th and NE 50th Streets, thereby reducing the traffic on neighborhood streets.
- * Proposes a transit hub near 40th Street and Sandpoint Way, making it easier for patients, families, employees and neighbors to get to and from Children's hospital without an automobile.
- * Orients the new development away from the single family, residential neighborhoods to the east and closer to Sandpoint Way.
- * Preserves landscaping and open space on the existing campus and presents a more cohesive design and campus plan.

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If Children's does not expand, the risk of having to turn away children grows each day. For children who need a heart, liver or intestine transplant, the next closest children's hospital able to provide the specialty treatment they need is in California. If Children's cannot expand now, the strain of running near or at capacity compromises its ability to provide young patients and their families with the quality care the WAMI region expects and deserves.

Clinton Vickers
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Office of Research Compliance and Education (ORCE)
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Clinton.Vickers@seattlechildrens.org

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Dear Representative,

I am writing to you as a friend of Children's Hospital and supporter of Children's Expansion Plan. Children's Hospital is a beacon of hope for the many families who come from both near and far to receive desperately needed medical care only available through Children's. We must support Children's efforts to increase their capacity to deliver specialized medical care to our children in need.

Children's Hospital is a critical resource for our city, state and region. In 2007 Children's provided approximately \$65 million in un- and undercompensated care to children. Children's faces overwhelming challenges with regard to current and future bed shortages combined with severe space issues which interfere with their ability to adequately serve the unique needs of infants, young children and teens who face life-threatening illnesses, a surprising number of whom are children of color.

I understand that Children's Hospital is committed to meeting both the hospital's critical need for space while maintaining the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. Children's has been working with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to address community concerns. The new Alternative 7 (Early Laurelon Development) will help preserve the character of the neighborhood, maintain existing view lines, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and keep much of the construction away from the existing hospital, thereby limiting the construction's impacts on patients, families and immediate neighbors.

I urge you to do all you can to ensure that Children's Hospital can increase their capacity to provide desperately needed and specialized medical care to so many of our children in need. Just last year, there were a number of days during which every single patient bed in the hospital was filled. If Children's is not allowed to add beds in the next two to five years, the hospital could be forced to turn away sick children. This cannot happen.

Sincerely,
Heather Villanueva
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JoAnne Voegtlin
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To: Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019


July 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan. I have a granddaughter that has been at Children's Hospital for almost five years. The hospital does amazing work. I live right off of Sand Point Way north of the hospital. Frankly, I have never had a traffic difficulty getting to or from the hospital. This is evidence for me that Children's Hospital is very concerned about accomodating their neighbors.

Children's Hospital is centrally located for use by many neighborhoods in the community. Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan. They are such an important part of our community. We pray for the patients of Children's Hospital every week at church. The work they do ripples through our community.

Sincerely,





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July 23, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. Ringgold, et al,

This letter is written in support of "Alternative 7" of the proposed Children's Hospital Expansion plan as outlined at:

http://masterplan.seattlechildrens.org/documents/080415_CAC_FINAL_small.pdf

Wanted to preface this letter with a preamble to provide some context on my neighborhood perspective/ background with this issue, given that I now reside in West Seattle:

I grew up in the 60's in the Bryant/ Assumption neighborhood (36th Ave. NE and NE 55th St.) and went to Assumption Grade School and Blanchet High School (class of '69). In mostly my high school years I worked at the original QFC store in the University Village for over 5 years. And growing up in that area I had a number of good friends who lived in Laurelhurst, Windermere, Hawthorne Hills, View Ridge and the other nearby surrounding neighborhoods around and about Children's Hospital. Not to mention that I have VERY fond memories of riding the Christmas train back in the 60's when it still traveled on the railroad track that is now the Burke Gilman trail from just north of U. Village up to Bothell on the north side of Lake Washington! I also was active as a Civil Air Patrol cadet in my high school years with a cadet squadron that was based at the old Sand Point Naval Air Station. (For that matter, I still remember seeing the Blue Angels show from the top of View Ridge back in the days when they performed their air show centered on the Sand Point Naval Air Station.) I also worked for a number of years in the mid 80's as President of the Seven Gables Theatres (which was then headquartered in the U. District) during a period of major neighborhood expansion of that movie theatre group.

It is also important to note that after my mom (Dunja von Veh) moved out of the home we grew up in, she moved to her current condo in Laurelón Terrace over 20 years ago, after retiring from her occupation as a high school teacher.

So I feel that I have a very strong historical perspective on how this entire neighborhood (incl. U. Village and the UW) has grown and evolved over the years to reach the point in time that we have arrived at today. And given my frequent visits to my mom's place over the past 20 years, I also have a pretty good idea

what it means to live with Children's Hospital buildings located closely nearby incl. as they went through earlier expansions of the buildings on their complex.

I should also note that when the whole Laurelon Terrace alternative was first introduced to my mom earlier this year at a Laurelon Terrace community meeting, she was quite opposed to the idea **initially**, because she very much loves her home and the community atmosphere of the Laurelon Terrace complex. But as she came to fully understand the details of the Children's Hospital expansion plan this spring and what kind of potential alternatives it presented to her in the next stage of her own housing needs, she has come to **enthusiastically** support the idea.

And my mother's positive support of the "Alternative 7" proposal comes from both her lifelong dedication to working with children both as a teacher and a librarian, and what the plans mean to helping her effectively meet her own future housing/ living needs. And in her case this is esp. true given that being a long-time dedicated high school teacher in the years that she worked actively in this area (60's, 70's and early to mid 80's) did not necessarily provide for the - shall we say - "optimum possible pension cushion" for her later years. !! So the positively viable *alternatives* that will be available to my mom as a direct result of this "Alternative" of the Children's expansion will play a significant role in her ability to fund an *alternative* residence for her own remaining years living in this community.

But it is important to note that an even bigger part of both my mom's and my own personal support of this whole plan has to do with the vital role that Children's Hospital plays not only in the care of children from the larger Seattle metropolitan area, but the larger five state region that relies on this hospital to provide care for their children as well. I went to college in Bellingham and have many friends living east of the mountains. And I am acutely aware of the vital role Children's Hospital plays in caring for children from far away from the Laurelhurst community.

The many positive facts supporting "Alternative 7" of the Children's Hospital Expansion have been well outlined in news stories and editorial opinions and elsewhere online. It hardly seems a good use of anyone's time for me to reiterate them all here. But I do agree **strongly** with the important clarifications posted online at the Friends of Children's website to the ongoing rather misleading claims made in communications by the Laurelhurst Community Club.

<http://www.friendsofchildrenshospital.org/files/FACTS%20Addressing%20LCC%20maller%283%291.pdf>

Everything I have read and studied on the very workable "Alternative 7" of the proposed Children's Hospital expansion would lead me to believe that those people in Laurelhurst who had objections to the original proposed expansion plan "way back when" should be jumping for joy at the many ways this new alternative plan lessens the impact on their neighborhood, while still providing a positive way for Children's Hospital to expand in a reasonable, necessary manner. "Alternative 7" lessens the traffic impact on the neighborhood streets in

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Laurelhurst significantly, and Children's has also taken many proactive steps to address the issues/ concerns raised by some rather vocal people in the Laurelhurst community.

My own personal care is provided by doctors based in and around Swedish Medical Center on First Hill. I can't help but wonder how many of the people living in the Laurelhurst area who are objecting to the Children's Hospital expansion plan get medical care up in that same area. And then I imagined how devastated they would feel if the quality of their own medical care was somehow compromised and impacted by that neighborhood's potential objections to the expansion of that hospital/ medical care campus. I can't help but think they would be singing a different tune if that were the case!

Should you need any further follow-up input or commentary on my thoughts on this subject don't hesitate to contact me.
FYI my cell phone/ vmail is: 206.979.1430

Sincerely,



Nils von Veh

cc:
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Seattle, WA 98124

Nick Licata
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Seattle, WA 98124-4025

Mayor Greg Nickels
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Seattle, WA 98124

Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
c/o Steve Sheppard
Department of Neighborhoods
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Seattle, WA 98124

Dunja von Veh
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Seattle, WA 98105

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Scott Ringgold.

Department of Planning and Development.

PO Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124 - 4019.

8 July 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have lived in the Hawthorne Hills area for 44 years. I support Children's Hospital expansion as it provides a world-class resource for health care in the region, and provides employment for many people. I believe that this expansion can be done in a way that preserves the neighborly feeling that exists in the area, minimizes the effect of traffic, and retains the magnificent views that are currently a part of this community. The Alternative 7 plan appears to do that. Please consider the Laurelon Terrace plan.

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Sincerely,

Louis A. Vontver MD

4904 NE Princeton Way

Seattle, WA 98115

"Jeff Walker" <jeff@qualitypress.com 7/9/2008 2:32 PM

Mr. Ringgold -

As a parent two active boys and as a North Seattle resident, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Children's Hospital as proposed in Alternative 7. Alternative 7 keeps Children's at the forefront of Pacific Northwest Pediatric medicine, and has the least impact on the surrounding neighborhood. 1

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Jeff Walker
2805 NW 92nd St
Seattle, WA 98108

NICK WALKER
2219 EASTLAKE AVENUE EAST #301
SEATTLE, WA 98102

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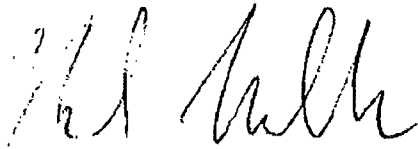
DEAR MR SCOTT RINGGOLD,

MY NAME IS NICK WALKER, I GREW UP IN LAURELHURST IN A HOUSEHOLD OF THREE BOYS. IT IS A MIRACLE THAT NEITHER MY BROTHERS NOR I EVER NEEDED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OFFERS THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, MY PARENTS WERE ALWAYS RELIEVED TO HAVE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SO CLOSE.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LAURELON TERRACE ALTERNATIVE 7 EXPANSION PLAN. AFTER MOVING TO LOS ANGELES FOR COLLEGE, I HAVE RETURNED TO SEATTLE BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THAT IT IS NOT OVER-DEVELOPED LIKE LOS ANGELES AND OTHER MAJOR METROPOLITANS.

THE LAURELON TERRACE ALTERNATIVE 7 EXPANSION OFFERS A PLAN THAT PROVIDES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WITH THE SPACE THEY NEED, WHILE PRESERVING THE QUIET, RESIDENTIAL NATURE OF LAURELHURST.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "N".

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Dear Mr. Ringgold

I am writing in support of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center Master Plan for new construction – specifically alternative 7. I feel that this plan responds to community requests to lower the height of buildings, improve access issues with less impact on the neighborhood and is creative in its handling of anticipated increased traffic.

I write to you as a user of the services of Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, both as a family member and as a physician caring for desperately ill children. It is imperative that Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center increase its number of beds to handle the increasing needs of our region to appropriately treat ill children. Children are our future and there is no better investment that we as a community can make for our region and country than the health care of our children.

Several examples come to mind. The nephew of my brother in law become suddenly very ill with pulmonary hemorrhage and needed to be airlifted to our ICU – which was full. Miraculously, patients were moved around to make room for him. He spent weeks on a ventilator, precariously ill with a form of vasculitis. Fast forward six years, he is now in a career of medical research at Yale with the intent to return to the Pacific Northwest.

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The nephew of a close friend had a sudden life threatening flare of systemic arthritis while vacationing with his family. He needed to be airlifted to our ICU after arresting several times at an outside small emergency room. Again, patients were moved to make room for him. After weeks of intensive treatments however, he did not survive. An important part of his family's grieving process was the knowledge that their son had the best possible care.

Recently, the bed situation has become much more problematic. Rather than only occasionally having issues with availability of beds, it has become quite common. I do my best to discharge children quickly and try to give complicated chemotherapy treatments as an outpatient, but we must have more capability to treat those children who need inpatient care. I do not want to compromise the care and health of our future leaders.

Most respectfully,
Carol Wallace MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Rheumatology
University of Washington School of Medicine
Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center



March 13, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Re: Children's Hospital Master Plan.

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I won't bore you with a long letter, but wish to urge the city's strong support for Children's plans to expand its facilities. As a parent and grandparent of children whose life-threatening illnesses were treated at this fine hospital, I can't imagine allowing any bureaucratic process or neighborhood obstructionist to compromise its ability to serve all the little kiddos who need medical care.

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Please approve the Children's Hospital Master Plan.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert C. Wallace

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AND DEVELOPMENT

Junw 23, 2008

Dear Scott Ringgold

I support alternative 7 because it benefits Children's Hospital long range expansion plans to add necessary hospital beds. There is already a shortage of beds and this will only get worse. Alternative 7 substitutes horizontal expansion for vertical expansion, thus preserving the views of nearby house owners in Laurelhurst. Alternative 7 also mitigates traffic problems by removing the need for vehicular entry points on 45th and 50th. Finally, Laurelon Terrace is an aging complex which is increasingly vulnerable to severe maintenance issues.

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Sincerely,

William A. Wallace

William A. Wallace
Resident of 4646 41st Ave N.E.
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Seattle WA 98119
July 7, 2008.

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Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing in support of the Lameton Terrace plan for the expansion of Children's Hospital. This plan interests me for several reasons.

First, I have at least two relatives who have been treated at Children's with good results, and as our population continues to grow it seems desirable that the hospital should expand and be able to provide the same fine care to a greater number of families.

Second, I have a friend who has lived at Lameton Terrace for over ten years. Although moving will not be easy, the proposed settlement will allow her to make a smooth transition to Ada Culver House, which might have been too much of a stretch had she put her condominium on the market at this time.

Third, the plan was designed to lessen the impact on traffic in the surrounding community and to decrease the potential construction and view effects that expansion is bound to have.

I hope to hear soon that Alternative Seven has been approved.

Very truly yours,
Mary Tone Wallon
Mary Tone Wallon

"Thomas Walsh" <WalsT@foster.com 7/10/2008 12:20 PM

Scott:

I would like to add my voice in support of the proposed MIMP for
Childrens Hospital and Regional Medical Center. This is a vital institution
for our community. It cannot move but it must expand to meet growing
the demand in our region. Like others, Childrens provided care for my
son and I am forever grateful. I fully support the MIMP as proposed by
Childrens. Thanks for your consideration.

Thomas (Tom) M. Walsh

"Peggy Walton" <peggy.walton@comcast.net 6/24/2008 10:49 AM

Mr. Ringgold-

Please accept my letter on support of the DEIS process for Children's Hospital. If you need additional information, you may e-mail me or call me at 425-828-9726.

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Peggy Walton, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Peggy Walton Letter regarding DEIS
Draft for Review
June 20, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

As you are reviewing the DEIS comments on the Children's Hospital master plan, there are several issues that I, as chair of the Children's Hospital Board of Trustees, believe you should be made aware of as you consider the matter.

The subject of Children's Hospital expansion has been a focus of the board for many years. We have taken a thoughtful, long approach to creating a plan for change that addresses local concerns and the board's concerns that the hospital has the facilities it needs to meet its obligations to the children and families in our five state region.

Quite frankly, as we moved forward on this process, I and everyone on the board, was surprised how much need there was in this community for expanded capabilities at Children's.

The practice of providing medical services has radically expanded in the past decade. Thanks to advances in scientific research, children with formerly terminal diseases are living longer. That's a good thing. It's why we are here. But with longer lives comes more need for more services. In many cases we are seeing longer stays in the hospital and the trends are for this to continue.

New technologies are also driving the need for more capacity. These technologies are enabling better outcomes for the children under our care, but they need specific space and energy supplies that we don't have the room for.

As we advanced on our strategic plan, it was clear that we provide hope for families throughout Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Families rely on us to care for the most important thing in their lives, their children. But, as we move into the 21st Century, we are challenged to provide capacity for the patients that turn to us for help.

We have been a good neighbor in our community. We have moved our research facilities to downtown Seattle. We have prudently limited disruption to the neighborhood, and plan to continue doing that.

At the same time, we must account for the increasing need for services to treat and cure children in need. For us, there is no alternative to this mission. We exist to treat and care for our region's children and families and we must, without exception, continue to

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achieve our mission. And to do that, we must increase our capacity in line with demand and need.

Do you know what keeps me up at night? It's the thought that we would have to turn away a family with a sick child because we didn't have a bed for them to sleep in or didn't have the room for the services that could save their child's life or improve their child's life in some amazing way.

I understand the tremendous importance of Children's Hospital to this region, because I'm reminded of it nearly every day. Just the other day, I was visiting my local bank branch. I started a pleasant conversation with the young teller behind the counter. The subject of my association with the hospital came up. She stopped in her tracks, looked up and told me that her daughter went into Children's deaf, and come out with the ability to hear because of a cochlear implant.

Mr. Ringgold, I wouldn't want to live in a world where sick children are turned away for reasons we could easily eliminate, where children didn't have access to services that would extend or improve their life.. I doubt if anyone on any side in this issue would say any differently.

I respectfully ask you to approve our Master Plan.

There are families depending on it.

Peggy Walton
Chair of the Children's Hospital Board of Trustees
Board member of Children's Hospital Foundation

CC:

Michael Jenkins. Seattle City Council Central Staff

Mayor Greg Nickels

Citizens Advisory Committee Members
Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
c/o Steve Sheppard
Department of Neighborhoods

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July 24, 2008

Scott Ringgold

Department of Planning and Development

P. O. Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

It is so important that you pass Alternative 7. I have been a volunteer at Children's Hospital for 2.5 years. The hospital needs more space, but I appreciate that you are carefully considering the impacts of a larger hospital on surrounding neighbors. Alternative 7 is a great solution to accomodate neighbors and the hospital.

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Thank you,



Maureen Warbrouck

9134 207th Pl SW

Edmonds, WA 98026

June 27, 2008

TO: Scott Ringold
Dept of Planning & Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

FROM: Janet Ward
8250-42nd Ave NE
Seattle WA 98115

SUBJ: Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

In response to a member of North east Seattle
Cares, this letter is written to support the
expansion of Children's Hospital. I am a senior
citizen born & raised in Seattle and a resident of
the Wedgwood neighborhood for the past 35 years.
I have friends and neighbors who have benefited
from the hospital's services over the years.

I also have friends who have and are living
at Laurelon Terrace (Altamere plan?) who support
the buyout plan. Other friends live adjacent to
the hospital area who are concerned over the size
and possible impact on traffic and noise. I
understand that current and additional measures
to alleviate these problems are in place and they
will be minimized to the extent possible.

The Children's Hospital is a great asset to the
City of Seattle and the Northwest Region as well.
With the increasing population in our area it is
important to go forward with the expansion.

Sincerely,
Janet Ward

July 23, 2008

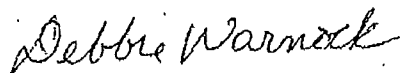
Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold:

Please support Alternative 7. I am shocked that there would be any opposition, but I am submitting my comments so you know that there is an army of supporters for every opponent.

Children's Hospital is a beloved member of the Seattle region and must expand to meet the growing demand for pediatric medicine.

Sincerely,



Debbie Warnock
24441 SE 46th St.
Issaquah, WA 98029

Catherine P. Waszak
4880 41st N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105

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June 23, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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Re: In Support of CHRMC Master Plan Alternative 7--Expansion onto the Laurelon Site


Dear Mr. Ringgold:

My family bought a unit at Laurelon in 1979 for my great-grandmother. Since then, my aunt, my mother and I have lived each had the opportunity to live in the unit. In addition, I was treated at the hospital when I broke two bones in my leg while ice skating with my family over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend when I was 12. I received world class care from physicians and nurses who are the most talented in the country. Our Children's Hospital has the potential to be the top hospital in the nation. It is imperative the hospital be allowed to expand in order to care for the thousands of children in our region.

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I support the expansion of the hospital onto Laurelon under the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the hospital and Laurelon because it gives the hospital and the neighborhood a chance to address a number of issues impacting Seattle and NE Seattle in particular. The Northeast Seattle neighborhoods are impacted by traffic from the University of Washington, University Village, and the hospital. The hospital's expansion at a time proximate to the University Village expansion presents a unique opportunity to improve shared transportation options for these neighborhoods with these destinations. Also, the height and bulk issues presented by the expansion plan will be ameliorated by the hospital's expansion onto the low-lying Laurelon property.

Thank you.


Catherine P. Waszak

"Rogers Weed" <rogers_weed@hotmail.com 7/10/2008 10:55 AM

Scott,

I understand that your department is responsible for shepherding the Children's Hospital development project through the planning process to a workable alternative. I also understand there is an important vote coming up on this project in a couple of weeks.

I'd like to submit a comment in favor of moving forward with Alternative 7 for the expansion of the hospital. Children's Hospital is a shining jewel in Seattle's crown of highlights. They are a nationally ranked and world class facility saving and improving thousands of lives every year. Even people like my wife who are not children have been helped by Children's because their staff includes surgeons and doctors who have trained with the very best around the world and remain interested in the cases they worked on many, many years ago.

I understand that there are people in the Laurelhurst community who oppose any expansion for Children's because of the various hassles it will inevitably entail. It seems from my perspective that great effort has been expended to develop the best possible plan with respect to their concerns in Alternative 7. So I hope that the City will keep the entire citizenship in mind as it weighs this decision and conclude that we need to move ahead and help an outstanding institution in our community do what they need to do to remain outstanding.

Thanks for listening.

Regards,
Rogers Weed

Scott Ringgold
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Trevor Weinbender
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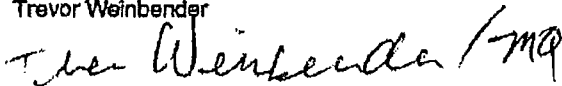
June 24, 2008

Dear Mr Scott Ringgold,

I have lived in the Seattle area for over 20 years and am a homeowner in the North Seattle area. When I was in my early teens I severely injured my knee. My doctor recommended I see the specialists at Childrens Hospital in order to correctly address my injury. Thanks to that hospital, my knee recovered and is fine today. As I am sure you are aware of, children from all over the country receive similar recommendations from their physicians, recommendations that may become unavailable without the expansion the hospital is seeking.

The residents of the Laurelhurst area have openly opposed plans for the hospitals expansion for years. Coupled with preexisting issues over traffic, view and the noise from the helicopter, these residents have an existing grudge against the hospital. This grudge has been addressed by the media several times over the last few decades. I feel these issues are petty considering this is not only a medical center, but particularly a childrens hospital. This hospital is essential to not only the children of the northwest, but also to those throughout our country. Alternative 7 has listened to and addressed the communitys issues in an appropriate manor, lets afford them the opportunity to help more children lead healthier lives.

Thank you for your time,
Trevor Weinbender



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<Murphyweis@aol.com 7/10/2008 10:04 AM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I am writing to you as a mother, wife, and Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center volunteer.

In 1991 my family was fortunate to purchase a home very close to Children's Hospital. Around that same time my children were attending school in the same neighborhood.

Two children in my son's class were plagued by horrible diseases, one was cystic fibrosis and the other was muscular dystrophy and both illnesses eventually took their lives.

To watch these families struggle with these illnesses and the frequent trips to Children's and try to maintain some sanity in their lives was remarkable.

I watched their little caskets in church and the tears flowing from everyone in attendance.

Today the work of many doctors at Children's Hospital and throughout the country are making great strides toward helping those with cystic fibrosis. One great doctor, Dr. Bonnie Ramsey, at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center has made tremendous efforts in trying to resolve this life threatening illness through her research.

Please consider the countless families that can be helped by the progression of the Hospital. By expanding the hospital more medical scientists can tackle the illnesses that stricken so many of our young.

By expanding the Hospital even if just in the Laurelon Terrace property adjacent to the current Hospital so many more patients could be served and many more doctors could be fighting to find cures for these childhood diseases.

Can you help? Can you please support the Hospital with their needs for expansion? Please do.

I have been a volunteer at Children's since the early 90's and my daughter has also volunteered at the Hospital—by doing so we are witness to all the good that the Hospital has done over the years.

Please help our youngest population to have the chance that you and I have had to live into our adult lives.

Please allow the expansion of the Hospital.

Sincerely,
Joan

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Ryan <oarsman.washington@gmail.com 7/9/2008 7:02 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I urge you to support the expansion of Children's Hospital. I realize that after many years of intense efforts, the City of Seattle and Children's Hospital have finally found a community solution to an expanded hospital in Alternative 7.

My family have been long-time supporters of the hospital and its mission to treat children. My mom has been a volunteer of Children's Hospital for over 10 years, and my sister several years as well. Children's Hospital is a valued member of our community. It is important to us that they are granted the resources they need to meet our medical needs and the needs nation-wide, as they are one of the premier facilities for children in the country.

Kind regards,
Ryan Weis
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Seattle Wa, 98105

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LAURA WELLS

3076 NE 42ND
SEATTLE, WA 98105

July 14, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98214-4019

Re: Children's Hospital Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to urge your support of the expansion plans of Children's Hospital. This institution is not only an asset to the children of Seattle, but to the families of critically ill and injured children across the region and throughout the states of Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Montana. I have no doubt that the 600 bed expansion is the most efficient way to meet growing demand in the coming years.

I have been a resident of Laurelhurst and neighbor of Children's for nearly 30 years. I have always been supportive of whatever the hospital proposed since I firmly believe that they only have the best interests of their patients in mind. However, I must admit that the original height and location of some of the buildings in the current expansion plan gave me pause. I had a hard time visualizing such tall buildings standing at the top of the hill. That's why I was very pleased to learn that in the latest iteration of the plans - Alternative 7 - the tall buildings will be erected at the bottom of the hill, not the top as originally proposed. I can now say without reservation that I fully support the current expansion plans.

I can think of no greater purpose than curing the ills and easing the pain of sick and injured children and am proud to have this fine institution as a neighbor. The mere fact that they are onto a *seventh* alternative shows that the hospital has listened to the concerns of my neighbors and modified their plans to address these concerns.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. It is the best plan for the hospital, the neighborhood and the children it serves.

Sincerely,



Laura Wells

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Jillian Westbrook

1720 N. 40th St. Apt. B
Seattle, WA 98103

June 22, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

As a student in the Northeast Seattle area, I support the expansion of Children's Hospital. Although I am not a resident of the area, I spend much time visiting families and utilizing the businesses offered in the area. Additionally, Children's provides a service to thousands of people each year, including those from the greater Seattle area.

In and throughout my time spent in the area, I learned about the project and expansion on to the Laurelon Terrace property. After researching the project, it is evident that many of the residents concerns have been addressed through numerous planning hours contributed by Children's, city planners, and the architects hired for the project.

I believe this is a necessary project because Children's has expressed a need to expand. The hospital knows better than anyone what it needs to serve the community best. The initial transition will require temporary adjustments for the residents, hospital, and city, however, the long-term benefits will outweigh the costs. Children's will be better equip to serve the community with more space and resources, in addition to a serve a greater number of patients.

Please consider this project and the expansion as it has been proposed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jillian Westbrook

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Maxine Weyant, MD
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July 14, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98214-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to urge your support of Children's Hospital and its expansion plans. Children's Hospital has been a fixture in the Laurelhurst neighborhood for the past 100 years and is a premier pediatric care facility. Many of the doctors who care for pediatric patients in Seattle and the surrounding region started at Children's Hospital and continue to have a tight bond with the hospital.

I am one of those physicians. In my family practice residency, I did inpatient and emergency room rotations at Children's Hospital between 1986 and 1989. I have now been practicing medicine for 19 years, specializing in sports medicine. I have witnessed first hand the world-class work Children's Hospital does day in and day out for all of the children in the four-state area it serves.

It is easy to see that Children's Hospital is at capacity. Our region is growing and Children's Hospital must grow with it. Being a physician myself, I can attest to the importance of keeping all sub-specialties together on one synergistic campus location. Many of the patients at Children's Hospital require more than one type of specialist, and many of them come from outside the Seattle area. Their family members have taken time off work and may be unfamiliar with the area, and to add the additional burden of having to travel between clinics or to schedule more frequent trips to Seattle could result in poor follow-up and seriously compromise patient care. It is important to keep all of those specialists together in order to help patients in the most efficient and effective way possible. I do not think it is feasible for Children's to build its much-needed new growth somewhere else, such as downtown.

Children's Hospital has gone to extreme lengths to meet its current capacity crunch. This past winter, they had to find a way to fit 254 patients in 250 beds. With all Children's Hospital has done for this region, it is now time for us to stand-up and give back to Children's. We must allow Children's Hospital to expand and in a way that is effective and efficient for the hospital.

The hospital and the Citizens Advisory Committee have come up with a terrific design in Alternative 7. The design gives the hospital what it needs for the foreseeable future, as well as alleviates many of the neighborhood's concerns. The hospital has gone to great lengths to satisfy the community demands, and the best alternative for growth is Alternative 7.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. I am confident this is the best option for Children's growth at this time. We need to reward Children's Hospital for all of the opportunities it has given doctors to learn and the opportunities it has given all children to succeed.

Sincerely,

Maxine Weyant, MD

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o
Steve Sheppard

<margo.whisler@gmail.com on Thu, 3 Jul

Hello Mr. Ringgold,

I wanted to send you a note expressing my support of the Children's Hospital expansion plan. Children's is a huge asset both in terms of the services they provide to their patients (and families of patients) and the community in general. My daughter was a regular patient at Children's for 5 years and I felt incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic hospital so close to home.

I also experienced first-hand the need for more space in the hospital. Facing the mortality of your child is one of the most difficult things a parent will ever experience. It is even more difficult to deal with something of that magnitude while sharing a small room with three other families. The lack of space was not only disruptive to my daughter but it was incredibly stressful for both of us. As Seattle continues to grow, I can only imagine how Children's Hospital is managing to find space for all of the other patients in need of their incredibly valuable services. I know Children's cares about the community (especially the community they live in) and trust they will expand responsibly and minimize the impact of the expansion as much as possible.

I ask that you please do what you can to get the expansion process moving so Children's can best support their patients, families, and the community in the years to come.

Thank you,
Margo Whisler

DANIEL WHITE
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SEATTLE, WA 98136
Jul. 3, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

RE: Support the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative 7) Expansion Plan

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold,

I am Seattle resident and a supporter of the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative Plan 7) Expansion Plan. I am a former resident of NE Seattle, and still spend many of my days commuting to and from there.

I value Children's Hospital as a community mainstay. Children's Hospital has such a respected reputation in our community because of their concern for and responsibility to their neighbors. As is typical of Children's Hospital, a community solution to the expansion needs of the hospital has been found in the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative Plan 7) expansion plan. The Alternative 7 plan prevents the traffic concerns, the construction inconveniences, and the potential view impairment of closely residing neighbors.

Please support the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative 7) expansion plan to ensure the future success of Children's Hospital in our community.

Sincerely,



Daniel White

Dr. Ringgold
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8 July 2008

Scott Ringgold
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to participate in the DEIS Public Comment about the proposed expansion of Children's Hospital. As a citizen of Seattle I am well aware of the work and reputation of Children's. Additionally, I have personal experience with Children's. A young woman who I have known since she was a toddler suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia. Over the course of her life she has spent countless hours at Children's. The care she has received and the support her family has received has been exceptional. This young woman is now 23 years old, and a new mother. Without Children's I am not sure she would have lived to reach this point in her life. All of us who love her owe a great debt to Children's.

When my niece's infant son became ill and we were unsure what was happening to him, our family was grateful to have the west coast's number one pediatric facility at our disposal. My great nephew spent a number of days at Children's, including his first birthday. The doctors and nurses took exceptional care of him, and made our family feel comfortable and secure. They even helped us to celebrate the baby's birthday there in his hospital room. All of us who love Jaedyn owe a great debt to Children's.

Our Children's Hospital is among the best in the nation, and is an important resource for our children and families. The hospital serves all children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Unfortunately, over the past years the hospital has frequently been at capacity, causing staff to worry about providing care for and meeting the needs of all of

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the children needing services. This is an unacceptable situation that can only be rectified by an expansion of the hospital.

Expanding the hospital using Alternative 7, would allow for Children's to continue to meet our region's needs while preserving the character of the surrounding neighborhood. The existing hospital would remain intact during construction, allowing patients and their families continued access to care. The plan also has taken into consideration impacts on traffic and the environment, both being kept to a minimum.

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I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Children's Hospital. If Seattle wishes to remain in the forefront as being a city that cares about children, a city that builds strong families and healthy communities, we will make this expansion happen.

Sincerely,



Jeri R. White
PO Box 18905
Seattle, WA 98118

cc: Michael Jenkins, Seattle City Council
Honorable Greg Nickels, Mayor City of Seattle
Citizens Advisory Committee



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Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Scott,

My name is Stacey White, and I am Seattle resident, and supporter of the Laurelon Terrace (Alternative Plan 7) Expansion Plan. I am a former resident of NE Seattle, and still spend many of my days commuting to and from there, supporting my clients in their health, fitness, and wellness journeys.

I value Children's Hospital as a community mainstay, and am so proud that Laurelon Terrace (Alternative Plan 7) Expansion Plan will be supporting our community issues, most notably, reducing traffic on neighborhood streets. Thank you in advance for support of this project.

Sincerely,

Stacey M. White, MS, MA
President

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Merry Wick <merry_wick@hotmail.com 7/1/2008 6:38 AM

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

My family and I are lifelong Seattleites. As such, we are very invested in the city's preservation and future development. We support the Children's Hospital Alternative 7 expansion plan because it serves the needs of the hospital, but also preserves the Northeast Seattle neighborhood. Northeast Seattle is so fortunate to have a world-class pediatric medical facility in our backyard. Traffic and helicopter noise are small prices to pay for around the clock availability of urgent pediatric care.

In addition to offering lifesaving remedies for our children in the form of treatment and research, Children's Hospital provides this community with countless employment opportunities. Children's Hospital attracts the best of the best in pediatric medicine to our quiet neighborhood. The serenity of Children's Hospital campus is critical both to the generation of miraculous research ideas and to the continual healing of young patients and their families. With the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan, Children's Hospital no longer needs to become a miniature sky-rise amid angry neighbors. It can continue to provide healing gardens with lots of outside space for its staff and patients.

My husband was treated there for Reye's Syndrome in the 60's and our son has been a cardiac patient there since birth (two open heart surgeries for valve replacements thus far and more to go).

We, like many other families in the Pacific Northwest, have a vested interest in making sure that Children's remains a worldclass medical center. We have been on the receiving end of state of the art medical care and wonderful, compassionate care from everyone we've come into contact with at Children's.

Though we are unable to attend the community hearing on July 10th, we urge you to support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan on July 11th.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Merry Wick, Derald Porter and Rob Porter
Kirkland, WA

**Jared Wiegand
8845 Wallingford Ave N
Seattle WA 98103**

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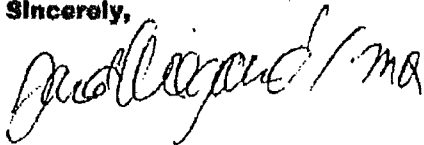
**Scott Ringgold
Land Use Planner II
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019**

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I grew up in Port Townsend, but have lived in Greenlake for the past five years. As a long-time resident of the Greater Seattle area, I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

I recently learned that you will soon be facing an important decision regarding the Children's Hospital expansion. Please consider the importance of Children's Hospital to the community as a provider of urgent medical care for children. I appreciate the value of the hospital to our community, and strongly feel that neighbors should do everything they can to enable the hospital to meet the medical needs of the community. Trivial concerns such as traffic, noise, and view impairment do not compare to the importance of saving children's lives.

Sincerely,



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**Dept of Planning
& Development**

Gerald E. Wilhelm, P.E.
6088 Wellesley Way NE
Seattle, Washington 98115

July 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am both a longtime resident of the City of Seattle and have had a dedicated professional interest in the safety, viability and integrity of our transportation system. I live in and drive through the Hawthorne Hills neighborhood.

As a transportation professional, I have seen the impact of the major institutions scattered throughout Seattle - and the best examples of what has been done to offset the effects of their respective expansions. By offering incentives such as transit, carpool, and vanpool subsidies, along with flexible work schedules, Children's Hospital has created an attractive work environment that is considered to be one of the best in the Pacific Northwest.

The Puget Sound area offers some of the best health care in the country, and Children's Hospital is an important part of that network. What they're doing is do beneficial on so many fronts. On a more local level, other areas of the state are deficient, especially north central and northeastern Washington, and the ability to either evacuate or transport children to the nearest healthcare facility to meet the child's needs is essential. Children's Hospital fills that role.

Seattle is home to ground-breaking medical research, and pediatric conditions are central to this research. And, having a Level One Trauma center in my own backyard that, in the event of a major catastrophe, would be a huge benefit to a large-scale emergency response; hence, the hospital fills so many community roles.

Please make a decision soon and in favor of the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan. I believe that it is a win-win for both community and the medical center and would serve as a model for future programs.

Sincerely,


Gerald E. Wilhelm, P.E.

<nwillia3@gonzaga.edu 7/10/2008 1:12 PM

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I realize that after many years, the City of Seattle and Children's Hospital have finally found a community solution to an expanded hospital in Alternative 7.

My sister was brought to Children's hospital when she was younger and the staff and surrounding area played a significant part in her recovery. Because of the relationships built there and the gratitude, much of my family is involved in fundraising for this unique and wonderful place.

I currently reside in Spokane due to my college experience here on the Eastside of the state; however I am very much still tied into the Seattle community, and I am thus committed to the future of the Seattle neighborhoods.

Children R17's Hospital is a valued member of our community. It is important to us that they are granted the resources they need to meet our medical needs.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Williams
2605 E 14th
Spokane, WA 99202

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June 23, 2008

Brian Wilson
9026 NE 195th st.
Bothell WA 98011

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

As a lifelong resident of Bothell, Washington I had access to the wonderful facilities of Children's Hospital. Although I have never personally required serious medical care, I am familiar with the facilities as my best friend's little brother was treated for leukemia during his early teenage years. The compassion of the staff played a pivotal role in both the recovery of his brother and eased the mind of the entire family.

I have been following the expansion plans for Childrens in the news and strongly support Alternative 7. I believe Alternative 7 provides the best solution to the community and hospital needs.

Sincerely,

Brian R Wilson

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34017
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

July 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I'm a resident of Montlake and drive by Children's very frequently on Sandpoint. There's some traffic but really insignificant. I remember buildings being built at Children's and there were shuttle buses for the workers. I think it was very considerate of Children's Hospital to have the people doing the building were very considerate parking at Magnuson.

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I have acquaintances who work at Children's and know it to be a good neighborhood citizen as well as employer. I personally value the world-class medical services available for our families and children. I understand that the homeowners nearby are generally in favor for this expansion project.

I urge you to proceed with the expansion plan as well. Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan.

Sincerely,



Diana J. Wilson
1918 East Lynn
Seattle, WA 98112

Dixie Wilson
3713 43rd Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105-5313

July 17, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing today to express my support of Children's Hospital's plans for growth in Laurelhurst. I've lived in Laurelhurst for more than 10 years and it is my great privilege to call Children's Hospital my neighbor. Though I've been a supporter of Children's expansion from the outset, I believe Alternative 7 presents an incredible opportunity for both the hospital and the neighborhood.

I first became involved with Children's as a volunteer. I could not have children of my own but wanted to do something for or with kids. I have now been a volunteer at the hospital for nine years, I'm a member of two guilds, I've served on the board of trustees for seven years and recently I became co-chair of Friends of Children's Hospital. I cannot stress enough how proud I've been to have been involved with this hospital; seeing and hearing first hand how grateful patients and families are for the lifesaving work that Children's performs everyday is incredibly rewarding. These years have been especially exciting to be involved with Children's Hospital as it has grown to become one of the best hospitals in the country (recently ranked number eight in the nation by *US News & World Report*).

Over these same years, Children's has seen its inpatient rates soar and today the hospital is at capacity. Advances in pediatric medicine are allowing children with serious, chronic illnesses – such as cystic fibrosis or sickle cell anemia – to live into adulthood. These patients now account for more than half of the kids at Children's on any given day. This trend of more patients surviving childhood diseases and needing high-intensity health-care services longer – coupled with the increasing prevalence of chronic conditions such as diabetes, developmental disorders and the rising rates of infant prematurity and childhood obesity – are straining Children's facilities. We owe it to the children in the four state region Children's serves to expand, so that never again will Children's have to turn a child away because there are not enough beds.

Children's Hospital was here when I moved to Laurelhurst 10 years ago. It is my hope that 10 years from now Children's Hospital will have been allowed to grow to ensure a bed for any child whenever it is needed.

Sincerely,


Dixie Wilson

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o Steve Sheppard

July 8, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
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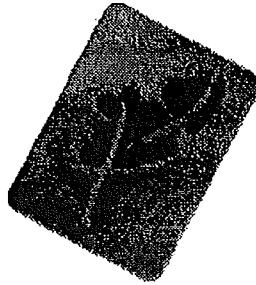
Dear Mr. Ringgold:

My name is Glenda Wilson and I am writing to you to express my support for the expansion of Children's Hospital as proposed under Alternative 7. For many years I was in a Children's Orthopedic Guild in which we raised money so that all families, regardless of their economic situation, could receive the medical care they needed for their children. I was always thankful that such a wonderful hospital as Children's was available to the children in our community. They would never turn away any child in need of their services. I feel strongly that the expansion of the hospital is necessary to continue to offer the necessary services to the children of our community. The LT Alternative 7 Plan seems to be the best solution for both the neighbors and the hospital.

Sincerely,



Glenda C. Wilson
9026 N.E. 195th St.
Bothell, WA 98011



"A MESSAGE FROM THE HEART"

Date: July 24, 2008
To: Scott Ringgold, Department of Planning and Development
Cc: - Mayor Greg Nickels
- Citizens Advisory Committee Members for Children's Hospital
and Regional Medical Center; c/o Steve Sheppard Dept. of
Neighborhoods
From: Greg Wilson, Children's Advocate
Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

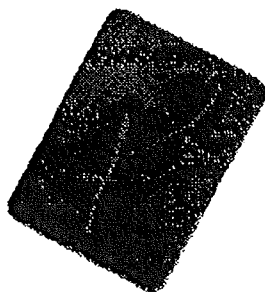
*"Children are born with a heart of gold; but, it is the world that makes their heart turn cold.
But, if we can wear our heart on our sleeves to show the world we care for youth and
others, what a wonderful world this would be!"*

It is with pride and utmost sincerity that I complete this letter of endorsement for the expansion of the Children's Hospital and its important mission. I have had direct experience with Children's as:

- A partner through my community service investment as the former Chairman of the Board (Chief Barker) for the Variety Club of the Pacific Northwest (Provided seed funding for Children's years ago)
- As the former Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- And near to my heart, through my children who have been under the care of Children's services on multiple occasions

The commitment from Children's continues to go above and beyond the call of duty in providing quality service to children. As a result, they are often overstretched and at capacity in managing their operations. This is a concern as the quality of care can not be

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compromised and thus, I am pleased to endorse and recommend the expansion project as defined.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions. As a community it is important that we continue to provide the utmost support as the "community village". Please count on my support should move forward with this most important project. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this process and for your ongoing commitment to our youth.

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"Hilde Wilson" <hwilson@raincity.com 6/25/2008 2:17 AM

I retired from Children's Hospital in 1990, after 20 good years of watching it grow, and I continue to support their wonderful work with the many young patients and their families that depend on their services.

I have been especially interested in how they are dealing with the problem of expanding, without damaging the peace and tranquillity of the neighborhood. When acquiring the Laurelon Terrace property became a reality, it seemed to solve the problem of becoming an overwhelming building project, since on that "lower level", the number of floors in newly constructed buildings would not rise much above the hillside that we now see when we approach the hospital. I can understand that the neighborhood did not want to be overpowered by high-rise construction!

Having worked at the hospital in those twenty years, I know how important it is to "keep up" with new treatments, advanced procedures, and a continuing program of finding cures for illnesses, birth defects, and other concerns that can involve the family of a child with a medical problem.

I will continue to follow the progress of the Hospital's efforts to be available and accessible to any family in need for their medical services, without creating a monstrosity of buildings on a visible hillside in a residential neighborhood. Acquisition of Laurelon Terrace seemed to be the answer to that problem!

I wish Children's Hospital and Medical Center continuing success in their efforts to expand, without overpowering the neighborhood!

Sincerely
Hilde M. Wilson

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July 22, 2008

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124- 4019
CC: Mayor Greg Nickels; Citizens Advisory Committee

RE: Supporting Alternative 7

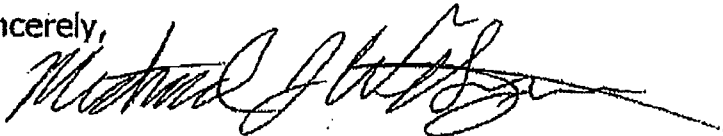
Dear Scott Ringgold,

My name is Michael Wilson. My eight month old daughter is a patient of Children's Hospital in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, and I work at Burgermaster near the hospital. I strongly support the Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital.

The Alternative 7 expansion plan is the best option because it provides the hospital with the space they need to meet the pediatric medical needs of the community. This plan does not build structures taller than the existing buildings, and keeps traffic off the quiet neighborhood streets.

This plan is the community solution to an expanded Children's Hospital. Thank you for taking the time to work with the City of Seattle, Children's Hospital and the community to find a plan that allows this hospital to continue performing medical miracles.

Sincerely,



Michael Wilson

5130 40th Ave NE
#261
Seattle, WA 98105

Mike Wilson <mmjwilson@hotmail.com 7/10/2008 5:49 PM

Dear Mr. Scott Ringgold:

I support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion plan that Children's Hospital has worked so diligently with the community to devise. As a new parent, I have a new-found appreciation for pediatric medicine, especially during emergency situations. My daughter is just two weeks old, and I am so relieved to know that she has almost immediate access to world-class medical care should she need it. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan is the best solution for the hospital and the community. It allows the hospital to remain fully operable during construction, and minimizes the impact of construction on residential neighbors. Building out is such a better design than building up. The tower plan would not have meshed with the character of the neighborhood. Thank you for your careful consideration of this important community matter.

Sincerely,
Mike and Heather Wilson
2129 North 62nd Street
Seattle, WA 98103

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Steve Wilson
3713 43rd Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105

July 21, 2008

Scott Ringgold
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DEVELOPMENT

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to express my strong support of Children's Hospital's plans for growth at the Laurelhurst campus. I strongly urge you to support Alternative 7, which I believe is the best plan to meet the demands of the hospital while maintaining the character of the neighborhood.

I've lived in Laurelhurst for the past 10 years and truly value Children's Hospital and the lifesaving work it does for children in our region. It is an important part of our neighborhood and an asset to our community. However, today Children's Hospital is at capacity and must grow in order to continue offering the quality care we've come to depend on.

Initially, I shared the neighborhood's concerns regarding the height, bulk and scale of Children's proposed expansion. However, I did not agree with their contention that the hospital is located within a residential neighborhood. From my viewpoint the hospital is located and access is provided via a major arterial, Sand Point Way and is adjacent to our neighborhood just as many other neighborhoods are adjacent to commercially zoned parcels. The Laurelon condominiums were initially built as an apartment complex hence their location and proximity to Sand Point Way. Many years later they were converted to their more "single family" residential use as condominiums.

After carefully reviewing Alternative 7, I believe it strikes a fair compromise in addressing the neighborhood's concerns. It preserves view site lines, eliminates traffic access through the neighborhood streets and will lessen the construction impacts as well. Alternative 7 demonstrates that the Citizen's Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital care deeply about the neighborhood and the hospital. In my view, Alternative 7 is a win for both the hospital and the community.

I moved to Laurelhurst knowing Children's Hospital was my neighbor and for the past decade, it has been an excellent one. I am fortunate to have a neighbor that makes so many lives better. In 20 years, the population of our region will grow substantially and Children's Hospital must grow with it.

Sincerely,


Steve Wilson

cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
c/o Steve Sheppard

Amy Wolff
31925 3rd Place SW
Federal Way, WA 98023

To: Scott Ringgold
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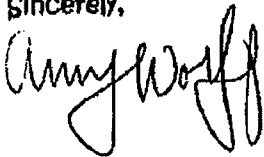
June 30, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

I have lived in the Seattle area for the past four year, first in West Seattle and now in Federal Way. I work in Northeast Seattle, but my husband works at Fort Lewis, so we split the commute by living in Federal Way. I work in a physical therapy office and we often see pediatric patients that were referred to us from Children's Hospital.

As a commuter who drives through the Northeast Seattle area everyday, I am glad to see an expansion plan that addresses the traffic issues of the community. The Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 plan adds a new transit hub and minimizes hospital traffic on residential streets. This will provide better transit access for the Northeast Seattle community to the Greater Seattle area.

Sincerely,



Annie Wong <annie42_w@yahoo.com 7/7/2008 6:45 PM

Dear Sir,

I am writing to show my support for Alternative 7 (Laurelon Terrace) Expansion Plan for expanding Children's Hospital.

I have lived in the 98105 area for almost 10 years, and I support the mission of Children's Hospital. I learned of the hospital plan to expand through Laurelon Terrace. The hospital needs to increase its capacity to provide the increasing demands of medical care for children, while still retain its proximity to the university for facilitating medical research. Expanding on its current location with the addition of Laurelon Terrace is the best solution, because this plan will keep building heights to their current level, and will enable traffic access points to remain on the west side of the facility.

Alternative 7 keeps Children's Hospital in the NE Seattle community, and addresses community issues about the expansion of the hospital.

Annie Wong
4648 41st Ave. NE
Seattle WA 98105

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June 28, 2008

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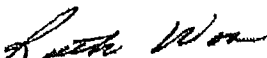
Dear Mr. Ringgold

As a longtime Seattle resident, I wish to express my support for Children's new alternative which includes the development of the Laurelon Terrace Condos site. I have been following the progress of this critical issue in the newspaper over the past year or so. I feel that it is important to make sure that Children's is able to grow so that future generations of children have good healthcare.

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Thank you for considering my views which, I believe, reflect the opinions of most Seattle residents, many of whom have had to use Children's.

Sincerely,


Ruth Woo
3815 39th South
Seattle, WA. 98118

4036 NE 45th Street
Seattle, WA 98105
July 4, 2008

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RE: MIMP Alternative 7: Laurelon Terrace Expansion

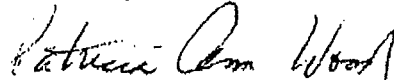
Dear Mr. Ringgold

I am a long-time resident of Laurelon Terrace, having moved here in 1955. I became a 'charter member' of the condominium when it came into being in 1978. I originally came to Seattle in 1949 to work at the then-new Medical School and I experienced parallel 'learning curves'-----watching a small pediatric hospital grow to national prominence in my backyard AND noting the growth and the reputation of the Medical School, the advent and growth of University Hospital in my work environment. This helped in gaining understanding about how all these miraculous developments came together. I was involved in medical research for 25 years, followed by 10 years of experience in a clinical lab at University Hospital. Some of those years required liasons and visits to many kinds of laboratories and introduction to hospitals of various sizes and competence. Another parallel was the development of 'The Hutch' and of many biotech companies. Seattle was becoming a major medical research and development area, quite a feather in our cap!

Thus it was with mixed feelings that I found that my ideal home 'forever' was in the path of development! The impact of the loss of Laurelon Terrace is different for each of us who live here-----depending where we are in our life's journey. Having attended quite a few of the various meetings and informational sessions I have come to understand the vision of the current Children's leaders and realize that meeting that goal can only enhance care that will be available for years to come. It is true that the 'sacrifice' of the Laurelon property for the greater good will permit a much more appropriate plan-----lower buildings and less impact on the surrounding community. I also want to say that the Children's representatives have been very empathetic about

what we are going through and are making the transition as easy for us as possible. Thus I must say that, while I note many drawbacks that make acceptance hard for various individuals, I support Alternative 7 as it is currently presented. 1 Cont

Sincerely



Patricia Ann Wood

CC: Mayor Greg Nickels

Citizens Advisory Committee of Children's Hospital
Northeast Seattle Cares

Amy Woodruff <akwoody1@hotmail.com 7/2/2008 10:40 AM

Mr. Ringgold,

Count me as a supporter for the new Children's Hospital Expansion plan that moves it to the west onto the condos at Laurelon Terrace.

I have watched this expansion proposal - first the outrage toward Children's for the building heights and then when this very workable solution came along the audacity of LCC to suggest the Laurelon folks were being used and now the suggestions that we should only approve part of what is proposed.

Well, the last is just stupid. Why should we go through all the time and expense to do this all again in a few years? Children's isn't going to sink a lot of money into building what isn't needed.

This is a win all the way around. Children's needs to be able to meet the healthcare needs of our children now and in the future - the 20 year future. The neighbors get buildings the same height as the current hospital. The construction and entrances and therefore traffic moves away from the normal egress/ingress in and out of Laurelhurst and the Laurelon Terrace people get a fair and good deal.

Please approve this plan.

Sincerely,
Amy Woodruff
4005 NE 46th St.
Seattle, WA 98105

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Charles F. Wurster
644 Hillside Drive East
Seattle, WA 98112

Mr. Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I urge you to support the expansion of Children's Hospital. There is no doubt that this outstanding hospital should be expanded. This hospital is renowned throughout the nation for remarkable children's healthcare.

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According to the Alternative 7 plan, the concerns of the community are addressed. The expansion of the hospital will be able to meet the increased demand for patient care without imposing either visual degradation or hampering the flow of traffic in any way.

Sincerely,



Charles Wurster

Allison Young
4628 41st Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98105

July 7, 2008

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P. O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I have lived in Laurelon Terrace for 7 and one half years. I work in the University District and commute through the area. I believe that Children's Hospital is an important part of our community and support their efforts in growing and meeting the needs of children of the Pacific Northwest.

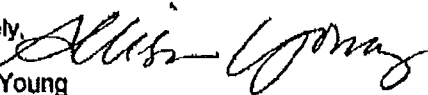
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I completely support Alternative 7 and the use of Laurelon Terrace as the best solution. I believe it is a very workable answer to the concerns of the community. I would hope that Children's would take advantage of the additional property to lower the heights of the new buildings and limit the entrances to 40th Ave NE and Sand Point Way.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Allison Young



Sara Young-Buck
10017 Ravenna Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

June 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

Children's Hospital provides a vital service to families in need all over Western Washington. This is a vital resource, and, not unexpectedly given the population boom in our state, needs to expand in order to keep providing an excellent level of health care for our children. If Children's Hospital needs more room, they should have it. It seems to me that alternative seven is the most likely to accomodate this growth, while minimizing the impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a mother, I know I will sleep better knowing that Children's is just a few miles away, able to provide the top-rate care they are famous for, should my son ever need it.

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Thank you for your time, and I hope this helps you make a decision.

Sincerely,


Sara Young-Buck

Nancy Zbaren
11055 NE Wing Point Drive
Bainbridge Island, WA, 98110

July 23, 2008

Re: Seattle Children's Hospital's Draft Major Institution Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Scott Ringgold
Department of Planning and Development
P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Mr. Ringgold:

I am writing to urge your support for Children's Hospital's plans for expansion at its Laurelhurst campus. Over the past few months, I have been impressed by the collaboration between the Citizens Advisory Committee and Children's Hospital to draft an expansion plan that is the best for the hospital while still maintaining the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

I also am in the healthcare industry and work at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. I have seen first-hand the incredible dedication Children's Hospital has for helping children battling a chronic disease. Through our research and the research performed at Children's Hospital, children with these diseases are living much longer and leading more fulfilling lives. This is tremendous progress, but it does strain the services of pediatric facilities such as Children's Hospital. These patients typically require multiple specialties and because of that, keeping the sub-specialties in the same location is extremely important. Children's Hospital must grow to continue serving this patient population that demands the services only Children's Hospital can offer.

Children's Hospital is a world-renowned institution and we are lucky to have it in Seattle. Great strides in medicine are coming from Seattle and one of the major players in that is Children's Hospital. It is essential that Children's Hospital is allowed to grow to serve the pediatric population that depends on its care.

Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital is clearly the best alternative. It allows Children's Hospital to meet the immediate needs of serving the four-state region of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska but maintains the character of the Laurelhurst neighborhood. Laurelhurst is a neighborhood surrounded by two major institutions – Children's Hospital and the University of Washington – and both of these institutions are major asset to the city of Seattle.

I urge you to support Alternative 7 for the expansion of Children's Hospital. This world-class institution deserves our support as it has always had.

Sincerely,

Nancy Zbaren

Cc: Michael Jenkins
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels
Citizens Advisory Committee for Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center c/o
Steve Sheppard

Scott Ringgold, Land Use Planner II
City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development
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Seattle, WA 98124-4019
Scott.ringgold@seattle.gov

July 23, 2008

Dear Mr. Ringgold,

Please support the Laurelon Terrace Alternative 7 expansion of Children's Hospital. I have lived in this area long enough to know how important Children's Hospital is to the community. Countless children's lives have been saved by miraculous medical treatment.

I know Children's Hospital's need to expand is critical, and I am relieved that the City of Seattle has worked so hard with the hospital and the community to find a solution that works for everyone.

Please know that the community supports Alternative 7.

Sincerely,



Pam Zeasman
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Seattle, WA 98126

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